



PAGOSA SPRINGS, ARCHULETA COUNTY, COLORADO 81147

www.PagosaSUN.com

VOLUME 116 — NO. 50, THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2024

Reports of bear activity increasing as seasons change

By **Randi Pierce**
Staff Writer

Fall is fast approaching, and with it has come the time of year where reports of bear activity are increasing as the bears prepare for winter.

As of Sept. 4, Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) Southwest Region Public Information Officer John Livingston reported, CPW had 157 reports of bear activity in Archuleta County.

Of those, 51 had come since Aug. 15, indicating the uptick.

Locals have also reported bears in multiple areas, including in driveways, on roofs, in trees close to houses and in the laundry room of a local care facility.

According to Livingston, in the case of the bear in the laundry room on Aug. 30, it was not immediately clear how the bear got in there.

"We aren't sure yet if the door was left open or unlocked," he states in an email to The SUN.

Livingston added the bear got stuck in the laundry room and Archuleta County Sheriff's Office deputies who responded first were able to get the bear out

■ See Bear A8



A bear is seen on a roof east of Pagosa Springs on Aug. 30. The homeowner reported their chickens and trash were locked up at the time of the visit.

Photo courtesy Angie Delay

Homicide: Maez found guilty, sentenced to life

By **Randi Pierce**
Staff Writer

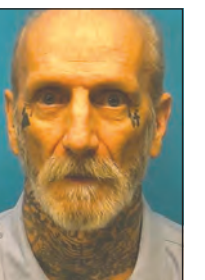
Christopher Ross Maez, 56, was found guilty of murder in the first degree with intent with a finding of domestic violence on Friday, Sept. 6, for the 2019 homicide of Millie Mestas.

He was subsequently sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole by Sixth Judicial District Chief Judge Jeffrey Wilson.

Opening statements in the case

began on Aug. 27 following days of jury selection, which began on Aug. 22. Closing statements took place on Sept. 5 after each side had presented its case.

Maez was represented by attorney
■ See Homicide A6



Maez

Town loans its sanitation district \$500,000 for critical sewer system repairs

By **Derek Kutzer**
Staff Writer

On Sept. 3, the board of the Pagosa Springs Sanitation General Improvement District (PSSGID) voted to move \$500,000 from town funds to kick-start critical repairs on its sewer system, pushing off a bigger decision on financing for a larger overhaul of the system.

Public Works Director Karl Johnson said that he fears a "catastrophic event" could be in the cards if the district doesn't do something now to shore up the system.

Town Manager David Harris added, "We need to get moving here ... and we need to move sooner rather than later."

Johnson explained to the board that the biggest project on the district's radar would be to continue repairing what has been deemed category 4 and 5 problems with sewer pipes, as well as its obligation to upgrade the Vista Treatment Plant, owned and operated by the Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District (PAWSD), to bring it into compliance with state Regulation 85.

■ See Repairs A8

School board discusses timeline for facilities assessment results

By **Clayton Chaney**
Staff Writer

The Archuleta School District (ASD) Board of Education (BOE) held its first regular meeting of the 2024-2025 school year on Tuesday, Sept. 10, at which it further discussed the status of the district's facilities assessment being performed by RTA Architects, based out of Colorado Springs.

The board first discussed the initial results from the draft assessment during its board retreat in August.

During the retreat, ASD superintendent Rick Holt explained that the district was still waiting on the final results of the facilities report.

At the Sept. 20 meeting, Holt noted again that the district is still waiting for the final assessment results.

He explained that the district is scheduled to meet with representatives from RTA on Sept. 20.

Holt stated that the facilities assessment is looking at the quality of the district's buildings and the condition of its learning environments.

Also, RTA will be performing a cost analysis with its facilities assessment, Holt explained.

Holt indicated that the final assessment results will be presented during the board's next regular meeting, scheduled for Oct. 8 at 6 p.m. in the Pagosa Springs Middle School library. The meeting will also be streamed live on the district's YouTube channel.

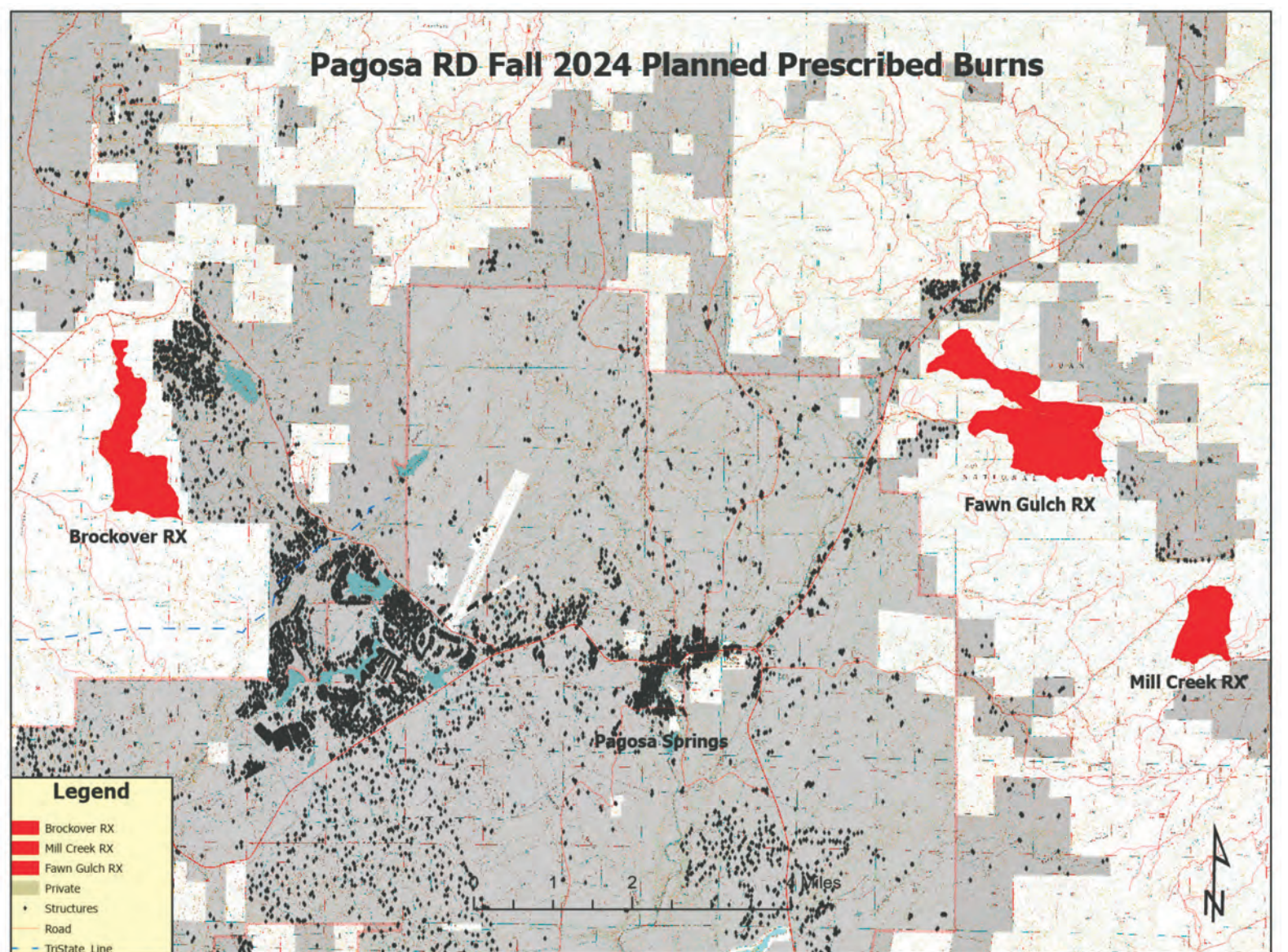
Holt went on to explain that RTA is using a three-layer approach in its

■ See Facilities A16

Correction

In the Sept. 5 issue of The SUN, in the article "Recall petition against Medina dropped," it was stated there were "hundreds of signatures" of people

who agree there is an ethical issue. The quote should have stated "hundreds of people." The SUN regrets the error.



Map courtesy U.S. Forest Service

Prescribed burns planned for Pagosa Ranger District

By **Kris Allen**
U.S. Forest Service

The San Juan National Forest's Pagosa Ranger District is planning to conduct prescribed burns starting in September.

Burning operations may take

place over multiple days when weather and fuel conditions are favorable for meeting objectives described in the prescribed fire plan.

Burning operations will utilize both hand and aerial ignitions, and will be conducted by Forest

Service personnel and cooperating agencies.

Burns will take place in the following locations:

- Fawn Gulch (1,100 acres) adjacent to Fawn Gulch Road (Forest Service Road 666) northeast of Pagosa Springs.

- Mill Creek (300 acres) adjacent to Nipple Mountain Road (Forest Service Road 665) east of Pagosa Springs.

- Turkey Springs northwest of town between Newt Jack Road (Forest Service Road 923) and the

■ See Burns A8

Index

Opinion	A2		
Letters	A3		
Obituary	A5		
Russell L. Crowley			
William Marshall 'Bill' Downey			
Henry Louis 'Hank' Lomasney			
Lydia Maria Martinez			
Business	A7		
Health Fair and Expo set			
Sports	A9		
'Major progress': Pirates set new PRs at Alamosa meet			
Public Notices	A12		
Outdoors	A14		
Pagosa area trails cleared of downfall			

PREVIEW	
Live Performers	2
Sudoku	12
PREVIEW Calendar	18
Crossword	18
Word Search	20
Classifieds	26

PagosaSUN.com
ExplorePagosa.com



Opinion

OUR VIEW

Remembering the good

The last couple of weeks have been full of harsh reminders of the sadness and difficulty of this world.

On Sept. 4, a 14-year-old allegedly killed four at his high school in Georgia.

The shooting hit close to home, happening on the second day most local students were in school for the year.

That same day, a triple-fatal crash took the lives of two Colorado Department of Transportation employees who were working on a sign on the side of the road, as well as a passenger, in Mesa County, reminding us of the horrible day in 2018 when local CDOT worker Nolan Olson was killed in a similar way.

Then, on Sept. 7, we were shocked when an email arrived in our inbox announcing that a Colorado State Patrol trooper was in his marked patrol vehicle in a center median in the Denver area when a car drove past and several rounds were fired at the trooper.

The trooper was hit by one round.

According to the CSP, "The car proceeded to pull over on the inside shoulder, the gunman exited the vehicle with a firearm and began to fire additional rounds at the windshield of the patrol vehicle. The

Trooper exited his vehicle with his rifle and fired, shooting the gunman. The gunman was pronounced deceased at the scene, and the Trooper was transported to an area hospital for nonlife-threatening injuries."

We've also had to report on heartbreaking local events.

On Wednesday, we commemorated the anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks and again thought back and remembered exactly where we were and what we were doing when we saw coverage of the first plane that crashed into one of the twin towers and watched the second plane hit and the rest of the day's events unfold.

But the last couple of weeks have also been full of little reminders of the fun, beauty and the goodness that surrounds us.

In thinking about the school shooting in Georgia, we're immeasurably grateful no such tragedy has hit our community and keep those who have had to go through that grief in our hearts.

We're thankful that instead of such tragedy, we've gotten to talk to students we know who have been happy to tell us about how their new school year is going, the old and new friends they're seeing, and the

adventures they're looking forward to.

We're thankful for the efforts of so many who work to keep our students safe and help them to thrive.

We've enjoyed being back on the sidelines for Pirate athletics, watching our local student athletes compete, grow, improve and find success. We wish them all great seasons.

In thinking about 9/11, we remember how we were all in it together — sharing our disbelief at the events and coming together as a nation to mourn and begin to move forward once again.

We're also thankful it's that time of year when friends and neighbors share the abundance of their gardens with each other and take joy in showing off how big their squash has grown and how much they've harvested.

We also know that means fall is just around the corner, with cooler mornings and vibrant fall colors that will spread across the local landscape.

The life is not easy, but we hope to always remember to think of the good also, not just the bad.

Randi Pierce

LEGACIES

By Shari Pierce

100 years ago

Taken from SUN files of September 12, 1924

We regret to report that Dr. Mary Fisher was taken ill the first of the week with diphtheria, but is now fast improving and will soon be her usual self. The disease was contracted when a child was recently brought to her home from the Southwestern Colorado Lrb. Co. mill for treatment and was found to be seriously ill from the disease, having since died. Ill luck seems to be on the trail of the doctor in recent months, she having this spring been seriously ill from blood poisoning.

Trout fry to the extent of 60,000 will arrive tonight from the Leadville hatchery for distribution in the streams of this section: 30,000 to the upper Piedra and Weminuche, 12,000 to East fork, 12,000 to West fork and 6,000 to the Big Blanco river. In addition, 16,000 will arrive at Chama to be placed in the Navajo river.

A family of eleven children in this county, all of whom are under 12 years of age, are greatly in need of clothing and shoes in order that they may attend school. Anyone having wearing apparel that they can contribute to this needy family, may leave same with Mrs. Jessie Hayden at the court house.

75 years ago

Taken from SUN files of September 9, 1949

The local schools opened on Tuesday morning of this week for the 1949-50 school term with a total enrollment of 324 students. The largest enrollment is that of the first grade which has 45 pupils. The 2nd and 3rd grades each have 36, the 4th 33, 5th 29, 6th 24, 7th 34, 8th 16, 9th 17, 10th 23, 11th 17, and there are 14 seniors.

The registration this year compares with 302 at the same time last year which is a substantial increase. Football practice has started under the direction of Coach Dale Moore and as soon as the schedule for the league has been worked out it will be published in the SUN.

A deal was completed last week whereby Mrs. Esther Moorehead became the sole owner of the Moorehead Garage, buying out her former partners, Aubrey Fowler and Jim Moorehead. Mrs. Moorehead took over the active management of the garage as of September 1st and will conduct the business under the same name as heretofore. Mrs. Moorehead will also retain the present line of Chrysler and Plymouth cars along with the general garage business.

50 years ago

Taken from SUN files of September 12, 1974

Work on the walls of the Court House Addition is going ahead rapidly and it shouldn't be too long before the structure is ready for a roof. Contractors in this area are working rapidly on all projects so that they may be under roof when that first fall storm hits and that could be at any time.

Harold Schutz, Chairman of the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners, laid the cornerstone for the new addition to the Court House Monday. The addition adjoins the main building on the west side, will provide space for a commissioner's meeting room, Welfare Department offices, and other space. Hessler Construction Co. is the contractor and the building is scheduled for completion in early November. Cost is \$85,000, with the funds coming from federal reserve sharing program.

The hot water well belonging to the town and located at the site of the old town hall has been repaired. The well also furnishes water for the fountain on the parking fill. It has been leaking for several months but has now been repaired, a protective pipe placed around it, and stanchions to prevent damage from reckless drivers are in place.

25 years ago

Taken from SUN files of September 9, 1999

Wolf Creek Broadcasting LLC, headed by Will Spears, took over the management of KWUF 106.3 FM and 1400 AM as of Sept. 1.

Spears said that, except for some fine tuning, the KWUF format will remain the same. "The staff is more or less the same as it was, and we plan to keep it that way, Spears said.

"My family and I moved out here from Los Angeles," he said. "We had been seeking a radio station for the past five years, looking all over the country. I had been in management and finance and had been a geologist and wanted to get into the radio business."

Spears and his wife, Christie, have three children: 5-year-old twin daughters Courtney and Brook, and Trey, their 2-year-old son. About living in Pagosa, Spears said, "We love the outdoors and the people we've met here. We're looking forward to getting to know the community and becoming a part of it."

The Pagosa Springs SUN

©Copyright 2024
O'Rourke Media Group — Pagosa Springs, LLC
ISSN 2835-3994 (Print) ISSN 2835-4001 (Online)

(970) 264-2100
PagosaSUN.com
Physical: 457 Lewis Street
Mailing: PO Box 9, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147

"HOME OF THE WORLD'S DEEPEST HOT MINERAL SPRINGS"



SUN STAFF
Owner, CEO
Jim O'Rourke, jorourke@orourkemediagroup.com
Publisher, Advertising, Circulation
Shari Pierce, shari@pagosasun.com
Editor
Randi Pierce, editor@pagosasun.com
Reporters
Josh Pike, josh@pagosasun.com
Derek Kutzer, derek@pagosasun.com
Clayton Chaney, clayton@pagosasun.com
Classified Advertising/Front Office
Cristin Flanagan, classads@pagosasun.com
Head Pressroom Robert Penton
Assistant Press Operator Matt McKinnon
Mailroom William Thomas

SUBSCRIPTION RATES
Annual In County - \$35
Annual Out of County - \$45
Monthly - \$10
Digital subscriptions available at PagosaSun.com

ADVERTISING DEADLINES
Display - Noon Monday
Classified - Tuesday 10 a.m.
Legal - Friday 4 p.m. • Deadlines are moved up for holiday weeks. Please check for an ad in the paper for specific dates and times.



PRIZE-WINNING NEWSPAPER
2017 Service to the First Award Recipient
2022 EXCELLENCE IN PHOTO & DESIGN
2022 EXCELLENCE IN ADVERTISING
2022 FIRST-PLACE AWARDS
Best Advertising Campaign
Best Data Journalism Reporting
Best Serious Column Writing
Best Cover Design
Best Page Design
Best Photo Slideshow- Gallery or Photo Essay

2022 SECOND-PLACE AWARDS
Best Advertising Campaign
Best Advertising Special Section
Best Print Ad
Best Editorial Special Section
Best Education Story
Best Investigative Story Package
Best Public Service Project
Best Page Design
PAGOSA SPRINGS, COLORADO
USPS 418-340
PUBLISHED EVERY THURSDAY
Periodical newspaper postage paid at Pagosa Springs, Colorado 81147
Postmaster, Address Service Requested

The following weather information is brought to you as a public service by
LPEA
LA PLATA ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION, INC.
Date High Low Precipitation
Depth Type Moisture
9/3 82 42 NA NA 0
9/4 83 46 NA NA 0
9/5 80 48 NA NA 0
9/6 79 41 NA NA 0
9/7 79 45 NA NA 0
9/8 79 44 NA NA .37
9/9 78 44 NA NA 0
Pagosa Springs
603 S. 8th Street
(970) 247-5786



From the June 8, 1989, Pagosa SUN — The persistent pounding of this pile driver echoed through downtown Pagosa Springs last Thursday and Friday. The noise continued on Monday and Tuesday of this week as 40-foot steel I-beams were sunk on opposite sides of the San Juan River. G.A. Western Construction Co. of Grand Junction hopes to have the new bridge for the 4th Street/Light Plant Road crossing completed by the end of this summer.

Archuleta County Commissioners
Veronica Medina, Chair veronica.medina@archuletacounty.org • (970) 264-8305
Ron Maez rmaez@archuletacounty.org • (970) 264-8303
Warren Brown warren.brown@archuletacounty.org • (970) 264-8300
Pagosa Springs Town Council
Pagosa Springs Mayor Shari Pierce spierce@pagosasprings.co.gov
Matt DeGuise mdeguise@pagosasprings.co.gov
Madeline Bergon mbergon@pagosasprings.co.gov
Mat deGraaf mdegraaf@pagosasprings.co.gov
Brooks Lindner blindner@pagosasprings.co.gov
Leonard Martinez lmartinez@pagosasprings.co.gov
Gary Williams gwilliams@pagosasprings.co.gov

THE PRICE SOME TROOPS PAID IN COMBATING TERRORISM...
PRICELESS
Robinson, Joshua J. Sergeant 29 Nebraska Omaha Hostile - hostile fire - small arms fire Helmand U.S. Marine 1st Battalion, 5th Airborne Division
H. E. ... fire - IED attack Paktria U.S. Army Battalion, 2nd Infantry Division
K. ... le fire - IED attack Paktria U.S. Army National Guard Battalion, 2nd Infantry Division
O. ... fire - IED attack Ghazni Bagram (near) U.S. Army National Guard Battalion, 2nd Infantry Division
S. ... fire - IED attack Paktria U.S. Army 1st Battalion, 275th Infantry Brigade
R. ... fire - small arms fire Kabul U.S. Army 4th Stryker Brigade
R. ... fire - IED attack Helmand U.S. Army 1st Battalion, 5th Airborne Division
Nelson, Travis M. Sergeant 19 North Carolina Pace Hostile - hostile fire - IED attack Helmand U.S. Marine 1st Battalion, 5th Airborne Division
Leehan, Damron 1st Lieutenant 30 Oklahoma Edmond Hostile - hostile fire - IED attack Legman U.S. Army National Guard, 1st Infantry Division
Price III, Charles L. Master Sergeant 40 Texas Milam Hostile - hostile fire - IED attack Kandahar U.S. Army Headquarters, 1st Infantry Division
Gallinger, Craig Riley Hospitalman 19 Oregon Connellys Hostile - hostile fire Helmand Marjah District U.S. Navy Battalion, 6th Fleet
Jensen, Dennis G. Specialist 21 South Dakota Vermillion Hostile - hostile fire - IED attack Helmand U.S. Army National Guard, 1st Infantry Division
Morris, Jordan M. Specialist 23 Oklahoma Stillwater Hostile - hostile fire - IED attack Kandahar U.S. Army 1st Battalion, 5th Airborne Division
Lopez, Ruben J. Private 1st Class 27 California Williams Hostile - hostile fire - IED attack Kandahar U.S. Army California V Corps, 1st Infantry Division
Lay II, Patrick L. Specialist 21 North Carolina Fletcher Hostile - hostile fire - IED attack Kandahar U.S. Army 1st Battalion, 5th Airborne Division
Patterson, Daniel J. Sergeant 26 Ohio Canton Hostile - hostile fire - IED attack Helmand U.S. Marine 8th Engineer Support Battalion, 5th Airborne Division
Workman, Jason R. Special Warfare Operator Petty Officer 1st Class 32 Utah Blanding Hostile - hostile fire - helicopter crash
Tumilson, Jon T. Special Warfare Operator Petty Officer 1st Class 30 Iowa Rockford Hostile - hostile fire - helicopter crash
Spears, Nicholas Special Warfare Operator Petty Officer 2nd Class 30 Minnesota Duluth Hostile - hostile fire - helicopter crash
Robinson, Heath M. Special Warfare Operator Chief Petty Officer 34 Michigan Petoskey Hostile - hostile fire - helicopter crash
Pittman, Jesse Special Warfare Operator Petty Officer 1st Class 38 California Ukiah Hostile - hostile fire - helicopter crash
Day, Jared Williams Information Systems Technician Petty Officer 1st Class 28 Utah Blanding Hostile - hostile fire - helicopter crash
Vickers, Craig M. Explosive Ordnance Disposal Technician Senior Chief 36 Hawaii Honolulu Hostile - hostile fire - helicopter crash
Hamburger, Patrick D. Sergeant 30 Nebraska Lincoln Hostile - hostile fire - helicopter crash
Duncan, Spencer C. Specialist 21 Kansas Olathe Hostile - hostile fire - helicopter crash
Zerbe, Daniel L. Airman 28 Pennsylvania York Hostile - hostile fire - helicopter crash
Bennett, Alexander J. Specialist 24 Washington Tacoma Hostile - hostile fire - helicopter crash
Carter, David R. Chief Warrant Officer 47 Colorado Centennial Hostile - hostile fire - helicopter crash
Harvell, Andrew W. Staff Sergeant 26 California Long Beach Hostile - hostile fire - helicopter crash
Null, Nicholas H. Explosive Ordnance Disposal Technician Chief Petty Officer 30 West Virginia Washington Hostile - hostile fire - helicopter crash
Downer, Mark J. Specialist 23 Georgia Warner Robins Hostile - hostile fire - RPG attack Kandahar U.S. Army National Guard, 1st Infantry Division
Lee, Jinsu Specialist 23 California Chertsworth Non-hostile Kunar U.S. Army California Chertsworth, 1st Infantry Division
Gurr, Daniel D. Sergeant 21 Utah Vernal Hostile - hostile fire - small arms fire Helmand U.S. Marine 1st Battalion, 5th Airborne Division
Peterson, Anthony Del Mar Sergeant 24 Oklahoma Chelsea Hostile - hostile fire - small arms fire Helmand U.S. Marine 1st Battalion, 5th Airborne Division
Ramsey, Waid C. Captain 41 Alabama Red Bay Hostile - hostile fire - small arms fire Paktria U.S. Army National Guard, 1st Infantry Division
Baker, Cody G. Private 1st Class 19 Kansas Holyton Hostile - hostile fire - IED attack Wardak U.S. Army National Guard, 1st Infantry Division
Arruda, Raphael R. Corporal 21 Utah Ogden Hostile - hostile fire - IED attack Kunar U.S. Army National Guard, 1st Infantry Division
Goldsmith, Wyatt A. Staff Sergeant 28 Washington Colville Hostile - hostile fire - RPG attack Kandahar U.S. Army National Guard, 1st Infantry Division
Lewis, Lex J. Sergeant 40 South Dakota Rapid City Hostile - hostile fire - IED attack Farah U.S. Army National Guard, 1st Infantry Division
Eiwell, Kenneth B. Sergeant 1st Class 33 Pennsylvania Holland Hostile - hostile fire - IED attack Kandahar U.S. Army National Guard, 1st Infantry Division
Springman, Tyler M. Private 1st Class 39 Maine Hartland Hostile - hostile fire - IED attack Kandahar U.S. Army National Guard, 1st Infantry Division
Christen, James M. Staff Sergeant 29 California Loomis Hostile - hostile fire - IED attack Kandahar U.S. Army National Guard, 1st Infantry Division
Stevenson, Benjamin A. Master Sergeant 36 Texas Canyon Lake Hostile - hostile fire - small arms fire Paktria U.S. Army National Guard, 1st Infantry Division
Vicari, Augustus J. Sp. CASUALTY LIST from <http://icasualties.org/OEF/fatalities.aspx>

Letters

■ Continued from A3

for their babies. False narrative and the blatant destruction of property against such Resource Center facilities are escalating.

Having personally experienced more than one unwanted pregnancy in my lifetime and faced with life's most difficult decisions on more than one occasion, it's time for someone to speak out on behalf of women who have been, and currently are similarly situated and struggling. As a first hand example, the person who forced himself on me when I was 17 years of age (not going to use the "R" word here) has never been located, and the child conceived resulting from this most ugly incident was placed for adoption. That "product of conception" is now a responsible citizen with a family of his own. A few years later as a single mom, I became deeply involved in the Women's movement, and volunteered in our Problem Pregnancy Hotline Center in the midwest. During training I was told the pregnancy was "just fetal tissue" and I referred women where to get abortions - this was prior to Roe v Wade.

Over the years a number of women have shared with me their regrets for choosing to end a pregnancy through abortion. I have spoken with nurses who described fully formed human beings exit the womb and left to die. Have we really stooped this low as a nation in our quest for women's rights? Yes we have.

During the Clinton Administration in the 1990's availability of abortion was to be "safe, legal, and rare". In 2023 as Governor, Tim Walz signed legislation to enshrine fundamental right to abortion for ANY reason throughout pregnancy into Minnesota law. Both Walz and Harris voted against protections for born alive abortion survivors. They have championed ideological "choice" over the realities of the killing of viable children in the womb, ignoring pain capability of such infants, among other things.

During the course of our lives, my husband and I have become a family who cares for our most vulnerable, people who are affected with profound disabilities. Such fragile individuals cannot speak or advocate for themselves and did not choose to be born this way, yet they are here and they deserve all the love, respect and support we can endeavor to provide. I am no longer pro-choice under its current definition, and am certainly not a "Trump lover". However, it is puzzling that a significant portion of US citizens consider voting for a platform which promotes blatant disregard for life, under the guise of "choice". Real choice would include alternative supports to keep the child and raise it, or place the infant into a family who wants to have children, but cannot. Instead, the Democratic platform besmirches the compassionate people who work at Pregnancy Resource Centers, since it does not agree with their pro death agenda, presented under the guise of reproductive health.

Joan Kelley
Gardner, Kan.

Constitution Day

Dear Editor:

September 17th, Constitution Day (and Citizenship Day) is the beginning of Constitution Week, September 17 through 23rd. This year marks the 237th anniversary of the signing of the Constitution by the Continental Congress in Philadelphia on September 17, 1787.

Constitution Week was officially enacted in 1956 by President Dwight Eisenhower from a congressional resolution petitioned by the Daughters of the American Revolution.

During this week, why don't we all make a point of thinking about and honoring our Constitution, our citizenship, and what it means to be a citizen of the United States of America? Americans should all reflect on the importance of the enduring strength of our Constitution. Let's reaffirm our commitment to the rights and obligations of citizenship in this great Nation.

I am extremely grateful that I have the privilege of being a citizen of America with its strong Constitution. Only we, the people, can keep it strong.

To quote President Herbert Hoover: "The Constitution is America's glue - Democracy is the Constitution's glue."

And remember, your right to vote is guaranteed by the Constitution. Not all people have that right. November 5th is the date. So, let's vote!

Joanne McCoy
Bayfield, Colo.

Simple economics

Dear Editor:

Kamala Harris made the state-

ment "Large corporations need to pay their fair share of taxes". How stupid is that. CORPORATIONS DON'T PAY TAXES, THEIR CUSTOMERS DO! It's simple economics. When a business incurs a cost it does not absorb that cost, it passes it on. Democrats like to play on the ignorance of some people with this statement. Unfortunately a certain percentage of the population will believe it. Tesla and Chevron moved their corporate headquarters from California to Texas for this very reason. High taxes and regulations have forced companies to take their business elsewhere and jobs with them. I see red when I hear a politician make a stupid statement like this. This statement sounds good to the people who think someone else is going to pay their taxes for them. It's not gonna happen folks. You will end up paying the higher price a business will be forced to charge for their goods.

John Meyer

Word salad

Dear Editor:

Word salad is a term for incoherent speech that lacks logical structure. The media couldn't stop criticizing President Biden when he made any sort of rhetorical blunder because of his age. Yet, they seem to be giving 78-year-old Trump a pass, even though he babbles incoherently during his interviews and rallies. Here is Trump answering a question about how he would make childcare more affordable, classic word salad:

"Well, I would do that. And we're sitting down - you know, I was somebody - we had - Sen. Marco Rubio and my daughter Ivanka were so impactful on that issue. It's a very important issue. But I think when you talk about the kind of numbers that I'm talking about, that - because, look, child care is child care. It's - couldn't - you know, it's something - you have to have it. In this country, you have to have it. But when you talk about those numbers compared to the kind of numbers that I'm talking about by taxing foreign nations at levels that they're not used to, but they'll get used to it very quickly - and it's not going to stop them from doing business with us but they'll have a very substantial tax when they send product into our country. Those numbers are so much bigger than any numbers that we're talking about, including child care. That - it's going to take care - we're going to have - I - I look forward to having no deficits within a fairly short period of time, coupled with the reductions that I told you about on waste and fraud and all of the other things that are going on in our country. Because I have to say with child care - I want to stay with child care - but those numbers are small relative to the kind of economic numbers that I'm talking about, including growth, but growth also headed up by what the plan is that I just - that I just told you about. We're going to be taking in trillions of dollars. And as much as child care is talked about as being expensive, it's, relatively speaking, not very expensive compared to the kind of numbers we'll be taking in. We have to do it because right now we're a failing nation. So we'll take care of it. Thank you."

This is just the unhinged rambling of an elderly man who can't articulate a coherent thought. I think what he is talking about is paying for childcare using his proposed tariffs on all foreign goods imported into the US. He never understood how tariffs work. They are paid by the importer, not the country that manufactured the goods. Tariffs are then usually passed along to the consumer. So, tariffs are not a "tax" on a foreign nation, could not possibly "take in trillions," will ignite a trade war, and will inflate prices.

When are we going to apply the same standard of mental fitness on Trump as we did on President Biden?

John Porco

Mountain lion hunting

Dear Editor:

The Pagosa Sun published a letter to Editor in the September 5th edition regarding certain aspects of the upcoming ballot measure to eliminate Mountain Lion hunting in Colorado.

The writer made several statements that require further examination and comment: "Unlike traditional game, predators can't compensate for mortality with fecundity. They self regulate."

However, we find that fecundity, i.e., birthing rates, are largely determined by diet, particularly in mountain lions and bears. In times of plenty either mountain lion or bear can produce 3 or 4 cubs instead of the more common litter size of 2. This has been verified by studies performed

with captive Bears and Lions.

Also stated is: "There is no evidence that killing Cougars and Bobcats creates more game" - In reference to the classic textbook example of knowledge acquired on this subject we should review the Kaibab Plateau Experiment in wildlife and habitat.

In 1905 the Federal Government sought to protect the Mule Deer herd that lived on the Kaibab in Arizona. At that time the herd had dwindled to an estimate of only 4,000. Deer hunting season was closed and a massive effort to remove predators, mainly Mountain Lion, began. By 1923 the deer herd had increased to some 100,000 and starvation was recognized as a possibility. By 1926 some 40,000 deer had died. The predation by mountain lions had been grossly underestimated. A lesson learned. Hunting season was reinstated, predator control was "controlled" and by 1935 the Deer population was stabilized at some 18,000 which was determined to be within the carrying capacity of the habitat. This was achieved thru management by professionals in the fields of wildlife and range management who had the flexibility to manipulate hunting seasons on mule deer as well as all of the predators, as needed to balance predator, prey and habitat.

The writer also refers to a statement from Panthera which is the world's largest Big Cat protection organization. He neglects to mention in the January 2013 edition of National Geographic Magazine, Howard Quigley, noted wildlife researcher and Director of Panthera is quoted as saying "The Mountain Lion is the most successful large cat on the Planet and there may be more of them in the United States than when Europeans first arrived on this continent." In fact lions continue to increase in Colorado and elsewhere, since 2013.

There have been numerous reports written up in The Journal Of Wildlife Management, published by the Wildlife Society, regarding predation on the various prey species by Mountain Lion in the United States and in the western hemisphere. All of these studies quantify the impacts of predation.

Further, the writer states that "Many outfitters guaranty kills". In Colorado NO licensed outfitter will guarantee a kill for the simple reason that for decades any guarantee of a "take", whether fish or game, has been illegal and not worth the penalty.

So, however you vote on the ballot measure in November be fair to all wildlife and form your opinion from real facts, not misinformation.

Dick Ray

Not threats

Dear Editor:

Not threats, but promises?

In response to a failed recall effort that official representatives of the petition stated happened for a variety of reasons, including threats and retaliation, Veronica Medina has stated that she has never threatened anyone or asked anyone to threaten someone on her behalf.

I more than half believe this. I never stated she threatened anyone, and do not believe she did. This is a made up story by Veronica Medina. You will find no such statement in any public record, nor in private conversation, because I do not need to lie to legitimize my positions.

I also believe she may have never actually asked anyone to threaten or retaliate against others on her behalf, either. I believe they volunteered and she is quite happy with that outcome.

It's hilarious to me that there is no retaliation or reprisal happening, according to Medina, who states we live in America and it is our right to petition our government, while Thursday's Sun article attributes quotations from me that did not exist and implies I stated Veronica threatened people in my public comment at a September 3rd, 2024 BoCC meeting.

The Sun did not choose to interview me, but they have this right. They, as the Free Press, have the freedom to choose who to associate with and who to interview and whose message they want to amplify.

They are not obligated to the truth. Media has a first amendment right to lie to you, to mislead you, and to make insinuations to your subconscious that may not represent the complete facts. This is called "spin".

It is incumbent upon you to find out the truth, to understand the facts, and to choose your sources. As the county and newspaper work hand in hand to try to silence me through attributions of statements to me that never factually occurred, you'll have to excuse the cynic in me that sees the reprisal for exactly what it is meant to be.

Rachel Suh

Veterans and Trump

Dear Editor:

I routinely disregard Mr. Porco's political diatribes in his incessant letters to the editor, but his recent rant called into question the mindset of veterans who judge former President Trump as a wiser choice for another term as president of the United States over the candidacy of Vice-President Harris. Among other flaws in Trump's character Porco recites as factual, he made reference to the "suckers and losers" quote attributed to Trump with regard to fallen World War I veterans while on an official trip to Paris in 2018, an allegation also cited as factual by the ever-virtuous Joe Biden in his campaign against Trump in 2020 (not Biden's only lie about Trump). To quote from Snopes' own website (no friend of Trump or conservatives):

"In sum, the claim stemmed from a story by The Atlantic, which relied on anonymous, second-hand reports of Trump's alleged words; there was no independent footage or documented proof to substantiate the in-question comments; and Trump vehemently denies that he once called service members "losers" and "suckers." While it was certainly possible that he said those things, Snopes was unable to independently verify the claim."

Since Mr. Porco invited responses from we benighted veterans who see more merit in another Trump term rather than a perpetuation of the Obama-Biden-Harris administration, I would be happy to sit down with him over coffee to compare our military records and discuss policies (not personalities) of the candidates. Personalities are the subject of high school runs for office. I will let your readers know if I hear from Mr. Porco.

Roy D. Vega

Campaign issues

Dear Editor:

This letter concerns details of the issues debated by the presidential candidates to help voters decide which one to vote for.

Concerning abortion: One of God's Ten Commandments is "Thou shalt not kill" (Ex. 20:13 NAB). Abortion kills. God, the divine life giver, "has given life to our souls" (Ps. 66:9 NAB) and emphasizes "before I formed you in the womb I knew you" (Jer. 1:5 NAB).

Our country's founding Fathers declared that God endowed us with the inalienable right to life.

Contrarily, Biden-Harris supported pro-choice democrats who believed that a fetus is part of the mother's body so she is free to choose to abort it, ignoring medical evidence that a fetus has its own DNA and so is a person with a right to live and not be killed.

Biden-Harris also supported democratic efforts to have legislation passed to allow abortion from conception through life after birth. This was condemned as long ago as the first century in the second chapter

■ See Letters A5



Celebrating

21 Years of Serving You!



Customer Appreciation Offer

10% OFF

Any Full Service Lube, Oil & Filter Change or Scheduled Maintenance

Bring in or mention this ad for this limited time offer. Shop supplies and tax not included. See the Pros at Piedra Automotive for details. Restrictions apply. May not combine with other offers. Maximum discount \$100. Offer ends 9/30/24.

Bill & Susan Schwab
Owners & Operators Since 2003

Piedra Automotive

Please call for appointment
(970) 731-3335
505 Piedra Rd.
Open 7 AM - 6 PM Mon. - Thur.

24

HOUR

TOWING & EMERGENCY ROADSIDE ASSISTANCE



Happy Hour!

15% off

At the Bar Stools Only
Tuesday - Friday 4-5:30 pm

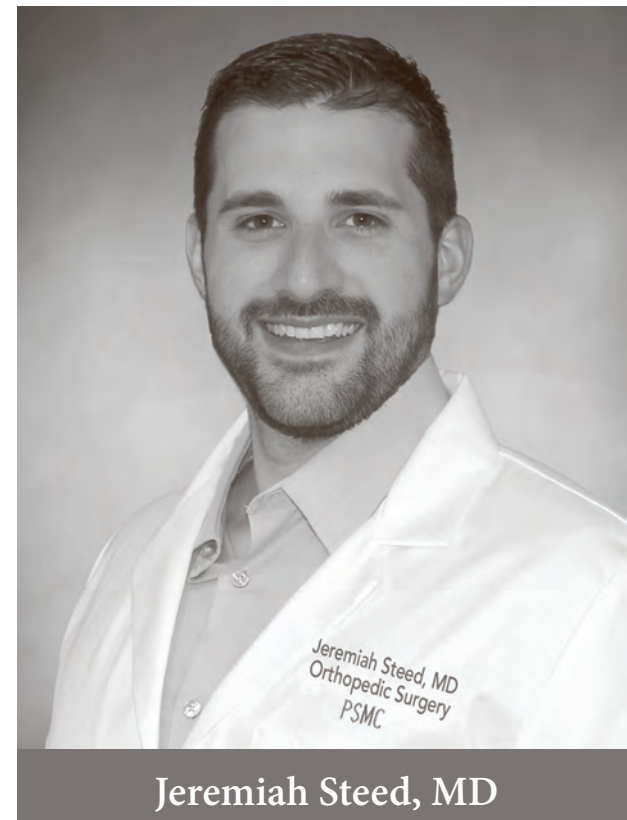
Make your reservation at
exploretock.com/alleyhousegrille



The Patio | The Lounge | The Grille

Open Tuesday - Sunday 4pm - 9pm
Happy Hour Tuesday - Friday 4pm-5:30pm at the Bar Stools
(970) 264-0999 | 214 Pagosa St, Pagosa Springs | AlleyHouseGrille.com

PSMC Welcomes



Jeremiah Steed, MD

PSMC is proud to announce that Dr. Jeremiah Steed, total joint fellowship trained orthopedic surgeon, is joining the orthopedic care team.

Call today for your appointment.

PAGOSA SPRINGS
Medical Center

First-Class Care Close To Home

970.731.3700 | 95 S. Pagosa Blvd | pagosaspringsmedicalcenter.org



Obituaries

Russell L. Crowley

Russell was born to Irwin and Bernice Crowley on Sept. 23, 1937, in Chromo, Colo., on the Crowley ranch his grandfather, Pet C. Crowley, had homesteaded. For those who knew Russell, he loved telling stories, especially about his fondest memories. Here are a few of his favorites. Russell grew up in a time and place where cowboys, cattle drives and open ranges still existed. Some of his fondest memories from childhood included driving cattle from Chromo to the train station in Chama, N.M., to be sold at the Denver stockyards; wintering cattle at the Ghost Ranch in New Mexico; and living, exploring and learning at all the different ranches his father worked at in New Mexico, Arizona and Colorado during his youth. Later in his young life, after being in 4-H for steers for many years, he decided he wanted to learn about electricity. He was able to convince Frank Oppenheimer, who lived in the Blanco Basin, to become his 4-H leader. Frank taught him in a way that Russell loved. He soaked up every bit of information. He later joined the Navy and was stationed on the USS Los Angeles. He enjoyed his stint in the Navy. He was responsible for the radar units and loved a good challenge. But what he really enjoyed was stopping in every city he had shore leave for to go and experience the local cuisine and culture. He would go to a local eatery and ask the waitstaff to bring their favorite menu item to enjoy. After the Navy, he returned to the Crowley ranch in Chromo, doing what he loved. He was so fond of learning and applying new ideas to his ranch life. He met his future bride, Roberta Sandefer, while learning welding from a family friend in Texas. Every man is entitled to three things in life — one good dog, one good horse and one good woman. Russell often mentioned this quote often, as he felt blessed to have all three plus so much more. He is survived by siblings Carolyn and Harvey; his daughter, Kim (Dwayne Kinion); nieces and nephews Shawn, Tami (Tom Nothstine), Teryl, Jodi and David; and several cousins. There will be no services per his request except for a private memorial with family/close friends at a later date.



Dad, I want to thank you for the best childhood a kid could ask for. I was so lucky to grow up in the world you and Mom created for me. I never wanted for anything, and learned so much from you. I will miss you 'til my last day on Earth. Rest easy and rejoice at being reunited with Mom, your friends and family.

Dad, I want to thank you for the best childhood a kid could ask for. I was so lucky to grow up in the world you and Mom created for me. I never wanted for anything, and learned so much from you. I will miss you 'til my last day on Earth. Rest easy and rejoice at being reunited with Mom, your friends and family.

William Marshall 'Bill' Downey

William Marshall "Bill" Downey, of Pagosa Springs, Colo., went home to be with his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, in the early morning hours of Saturday, Aug. 17, 2024. Bill was born July 2, 1943, to Marshall and Bessie Downey. He married his lovely bride,

Jane, on Christmas Eve 1967. They raised two daughters, Stacie Barks (Tim) and Sara Kirkham (Robert) and have four grandchildren: Keagan Kirkham, Mackenzie Kirkham, Harris Kirkham and Hank Barks.



Bill joined the Colorado State Patrol in July of 1972 and was stationed in Pagosa Springs, where he served his entire career, retiring in 1998. He actively served his community, being among the first class of EMTs, he was a charter member of the hospital board and county commissioner. He loved taking pack trips in the high country, cowboy poetry, genealogy, politics, thought-provoking conversations and his family. He will be greatly missed.

His service will be held Saturday, Sept. 21, at 10 a.m. at the United Methodist Church in Pagosa Springs.

Henry Louis 'Hank' (or 'Bub') Lomasney

Henry Louis "Hank" (or "Bub") Lomasney peacefully passed from this earth on Sept. 2, 2024, at 10:43 p.m. in Mandeville, La., at age 85, following a battle with renal cell carcinoma. Hank was a beacon of light to all with whom he interacted. He exuded unquenchable optimism, a joyous fascination with science and nature, unbridled selflessness, and limitless patience. Whether you were a longtime friend, family member or short-term acquaintance, Hank would make you feel like you were the most important and fascinating person in the world. He will be deeply missed. Hank was born the second of seven children to loving parents Henry Martin and Elizabeth Ann on Sept. 23, 1938, in Nashville, Tenn. He spent his first seven years in Oak Ridge, Tenn., while his father worked on a classified government project in the area. After World War II, the family relocated to eastern New Orleans, La., where Hank spent his formative years surrounded by a very close and loving family in a humble home on Chef Menteur Highway. He attended St. James Major Catholic elementary school, Jesuit High School ('56), and Tulane University ('60), where he graduated with a degree in mechanical engineering. Hank first attained a position as an NASA engineer on the Apollo program before returning to New Orleans to join the family business, Southern Imperial Professional Coatings, in 1968. As CEO, he grew the business along with his siblings to one of the top industrial coating manufacturers for the offshore oil and nuclear power industries. He later founded Isotron Corporation in east New Orleans, dedicated to research and development of ad-



vanced radiation decontamination techniques. After a brief stint with Scientific Ecology Group in Oak Ridge, Tenn., he accepted a position as the vice president of international sales at Tnemec industrial coatings corporation in Kansas City, Mo., in 1998. Hank then re-established Isotron Corporation in 2002 before relocating to his mountain home in Pagosa Springs, Colo., in 2004. He found great joy in his later years maintaining his property, finding an almost spiritual connection with the woods and mountains. Never fully retiring, Hank's scientific exploits continued, as he experimented with new advanced polymer concepts nearly up until his death. Hank was predeceased by father Henry (1968), mother Elizabeth (1989), brothers William "Billy" (2021), John "Johnny" (2022) and Michael "Mickey" (2024). He is survived by his widow, the former C. Jane Turnbull; cherished children Peter, Henry Jr., Joel (Meredith), Patrick (Evelyn), Samuel (Corinna) and Christina Mattis (James); beloved grandchildren Samuel, Benjamin, Louis, Caroline, Claire, Madelyn, Cooper, Scott, Carmen and Adrian; adored sisters Grace Bauer, Elizabeth Borne (Edward), and Mary Jo Lorio ("J F"); and sisters-in-law Barbara and Jackie.

Lydia Maria Martinez

Lydia Maria Martinez, 96, a resident of Pagosa Springs, Colo., passed away peacefully surrounded by her immediate family on Sept. 1, 2024. Lydia was born to the late Juan Rafael and Antonina Martinez on April 23, 1928, in Rosa, N.M.



Lydia was a homemaker and is preceded in death by her husband, Manuel E. Martinez; son Sammy G. Martinez; and 2-year-old daughter Consuelo Martinez. Lydia took great pride in gardening. She made the best red chile, apricot pies and fresh tortillas.

She worked tirelessly meeting the needs of her family — sewing quilts, canning and making homemade meals. One thing you knew for certain was to never pick her flowers, mess up her windows or eat the center of the watermelon. When she did take a break, she enjoyed visiting her friends and relatives in the area, reading romance novels and True Story magazines. Lydia was an active member of the Guadalupe Society and was recently honored as a Catholic pioneer of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Church.

Lydia is survived by a very extended, large and loving family, (Beverly) of the late Sammy Martinez grandkids Natasha Smith and

Jesse Martinez, Angie Riemer (Dale) grandkids, Victoria Gunnels, Tracy Machajewski, Jody Lucero and Jennifer Sawyer, Connie Gomez (Michael) grandkids, Suzanne Sisneros, Melanie Trent, Melody Gomez, Felicia Gomez and Macaela Ortiz. Donnie Martinez (Candyce) grandkids, Misty Carrasco and David Krygowski, Cindy Lucero (Guzman) and grandkids Josh Lucero, Isaiah Lucero, Lyndsey Lucero and Jake Lucero, Lawrence Martinez (Kim) grandkids, Kristi Martinez and Timmy Martinez, Robert Martinez (Terri) grandkids, Abby O'Conner, Jimmy Martinez, Ari Martinez and Kyleigh Martinez, 44 great-grandchildren and 14 great-great-grandchildren. Her brothers Raynel Martinez and Albert Martinez (Angie).

The family wishes to express a thank you to the Pine Ridge nursing home and to her caregivers — Sabina Archuleta, Sophia Jacobson and Madeline Haskin — for their companionship and compassionate care in her final months.

A viewing will take place at 5:30 p.m. with rosary recitation at 6 p.m. at Pope John Paul II Catholic Church, located at 353 S. Pagosa Blvd. in Pagosa Springs, Colo., on Friday, Sept. 13, 2024. A funeral Mass will take place on Saturday, Sept. 14, 2024, at 10 a.m., at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church located at 451 Lewis St. in Pagosa Springs, Colo. A Christian burial will take place immediately following the services at the Trujillo Cemetery in Trujillo, Colo. All are invited to join in a meal at Pagosa Springs Elementary School, located at 141 S. 10th St., following the interment.

Obituaries

Obituaries are printed free in The Pagosa Springs SUN and can be submitted to:

PO Box 9
Pagosa Springs, CO 81147
e-mail: editor@pagosasun.com

fax: (970) 264-2103
Deadline is 1 p.m. Tuesday for the following Thursday's edition. The SUN reserves the right to edit all submissions.



More Than Just Signs!

- DECALS & WINDOW GRAPHICS
- VEHICLE GRAPHICS & WRAPS
- STORE FRONTS
- PROMOTIONAL PRODUCTS
- APPAREL PRINTING
- NEON & ELECTRIC SIGN REPAIR
- MEMORIAL STONES

LOCATED AT 57 MAJESTIC DR. PAGOSA SPRINGS, CO

Call me to view YOUR NEXT HOME!



Attention to details in this 1726 sq. ft., 3 bed, 3 bath home. Two-car garage, main level primary bedroom.

163 Morro Circle
\$689,900
MLS 817212



Short drive to National Forest from this 3 bed, 2 bath, home with attached garage on .21 acre lot. Oversized bedrooms, fenced backyard.

83 Grenadier Place
\$575,000
MLS 814188



Mountain views, covered porch, 2 bed, 2 bath, 1357 sq. ft. home with attached garage and stand alone 12'x14' shed.

30 Birch Bay Court
\$569,000
MLS 816983



Privacy and backs to National Forest. 4 bed, 2 bath, 1620 sq. ft. home on 1.3 acres. New appliances, flooring, paint

603 Evergreen Drive
\$359,900
MLS 815610

Anita Bowles

C: (512) 214-7923

O: (970) 264-3200

Anita@jimsmithrealty.com



JIM SMITH REALTY



Art Festival

OF PAGOSA SPRINGS

September 14 • 10 - 5

September 15 • 10 - 4

Town Park Athletic Field

60 Artists

Kid's Activities

Live Music • Food Trucks

Beer, Wine & Bloody Mary's

fabaevents.com



SPONSORED BY



Letters

Continued from A4
of the Didache (Apostles' teaching): "Thou shalt not commit abortion or slay a child after birth."

Concerning the economy: Trump increased jobs and wages while decreasing taxes, dependence on food stamps and welfare, maintaining inflation below 1.7%. Biden-Harris stopped touting 'Bidenomics' because 71.5% of Americans disapproved of it, 39% were angered by its increased taxation and suffered from its inflation which fluctuated from 9% to 50%. Recession and unemployment fears are sparked. Trump is favored 58% to 39% to handle the economy (Media outlet reports).

Concerning education: Trump maintained high moral standards and academic achievements which

collapsed under Biden-Harris who favored the democrats' acceptance of woke, medical sex change and socialistic school unions and boards, which motivated parents to transfer children to home, religious and private schools which maintained previous values.

Concerning crime: Democrats ruling blue cities are responsible for increasing murders and property destruction because they defunded police and ignored law and order.

Concerning energy: All of Trumps accomplishments which made the U.S. number one in the world were cancelled by Biden-Harris who also depleted most of our emergency oil reserve, allowed gas pump costs to escalate and made us dependent on inimical foreign countries.

Concerning China: Trump raised tariffs, restored billions to American farmers and brought American

companies home. Biden and family received millions from China and elsewhere (influence peddling?), and engaged in nefarious business practices (Media outlets).

Concerning the border: Biden cancelled all of Trump's successful controls resulting in millions of illegals from 150 countries to cross the border increasing crimes, disease, abuse of women and children, deaths in overcrowded hot vehicles, drowning in the Rio Grande, and causing thousands of drug deaths by the cartel (Media outlets).

Concerning politics: Democrats tried to destroy Trump by lying and fostering illegals, only to result in his exoneration (Media outlets).

Concerning the election: After considering all the above, it is obviously logical to vote for Trump and Make America Great Again.

Eugene Witkowski

Birth

Carter Michael Young-Poston

Carter Michael Young-Poston was born on July 11, 2024, in Kingman, Ariz., to parents Tiantiece Elkins and Dylan Young-Poston, of Kingman. He was 6 pounds, 8 ounces and 19 inches long.

Local reporting that matters.

Colorado secretary of state certifies general election ballot

By Jack Todd
Colorado Secretary of State's Office

On Monday, Sept. 9, Colorado Secretary of State Jena Griswold certified the ballot for the general election.

"I'm proud to announce the certification of the 2024 General Election ballot," said Griswold. "Every election is an opportunity for Coloradans to make their voices heard, and I will always work to ensure our elections remain secure and accessible so voters can make their voices heard."

The general election takes place on Nov. 5.

The official list of candidates on the general election ballot can be found on the Secretary of State's website at <https://www.coloradosos.gov/pubs/elections/vote/general-Candidates.html>.

Statewide ballot measures

Coloradans will have the opportunity to vote on 14 statewide ballot measures in the general election.

The following amendments and propositions were referred by the Colorado Legislature:

- Amendment G: "Modify Property Tax Exemption for Veterans With a Disability" (HCR23-1002) proposes to change the Colorado Constitution.
- Amendment H: "Judicial Discipline Procedures and Confidentiali-

ty" (HCR23-1001) proposes to change the Colorado Constitution.

- Amendment I: "Constitutional Bail Exemption for First Degree Murder" (HCR24-1002) proposes to change the Colorado Constitution.

- Amendment J: "Repealing the Constitutional Definition of Marriage" (SCR24-003) proposes to change the Colorado Constitution.

- Amendment K: "Modify Constitutional Election Deadlines" (SCR24-002) proposes to change the Colorado Constitution.

- Proposition JJ: "Retain Additional Sports Betting Tax Revenue" (HB24-1436) proposes a statutory change.

- Proposition KK: "Firearms and Ammunition Excise Tax" (HB24-1349) proposes a statutory change.

The following amendments and propositions were citizen-initiated:

- Amendment 79, "Right to Abortion," proposes to change the Colorado Constitution.

- Amendment 80, "School Choice in K-12 Education," proposes to change the Colorado Constitution.

- Proposition 127, "Prohibit Trophy Hunting," proposes a statutory change.

- Proposition 128, "Concerning Eligibility for Parole," proposes a statutory change.

- Proposition 129, "Establish Qualifications and Registration for

Veterinary Professional Associate," proposes a statutory change.

- Proposition 130, "Funding for Law Enforcement," proposes a statutory change.

- Proposition 131, "Concerning the Conduct of Elections," proposes a statutory change.

In addition to the 14 statewide measures, local initiatives will be considered by some voters. County clerks have the most complete information on local ballot contests.

Important information for Colorado voters

- All Colorado voters can sign up to track their ballot from mailed to counted using BallotTrax.

- Eligible Coloradans can register to vote and update their voter registration at GoVoteColorado.gov.

Important general election dates

- Sept. 21: Deadline for county clerks to send ballots to registered military and overseas voters.

- Oct. 11: First day ballots can be mailed to registered Colorado voters, except for military and overseas voters.

- Oct. 18: Deadline for initial mail ballots to be sent to each registered eligible voter for the 2024 general election.

- Oct. 21: The minimum number

of required voting centers and drop boxes must be open for the 2024 general election.

- Oct. 28: Deadline to submit an application to register to vote through the mail, a voter registration agency, a local driver's license examination facility or online in order to receive a ballot by mail for the 2024 general election.

- Oct. 28: Last suggested day to return ballots by mail.

- Oct. 29: Voters should return their ballots to a voting center or drop box up to Election Day.

- Nov. 5: Election Day. Voters must have submitted their ballot or be in line to vote by 7 p.m. for their ballot to be counted. Ballots cast by military and overseas voters must be sent no later than 7 p.m. on Election Day and received close of business on the eighth day after the election (Nov. 13).

Colorado voters can visit GoVoteColorado.gov:

- Register to vote or update their voter registration.
- Find their local county clerk.
- Find their closest drop box or voting center.
- Sign up to track their ballot using BallotTrax.
- Learn about Colorado's election processes.
- Find accurate election information.

JIM GARRETT

♦ ATTORNEY ♦

Protecting your interests
LITIGATION, CRIMINAL DEFENSE
BUSINESS, REAL ESTATE, WILLS

New location: Downtown, above the theatre
422 PAGOSA ST., NO. 5

970-880-0468 • 412-508-1060

P.O. BOX 3265, PAGOSA SPRINGS • jyg44law@gmail.com

PCCS
Pagosa Climate Controlled Storage
341 Harman Park, Pagosa Springs
970-628-0607
allstoragepagosa.net
ALL INDOOR
3x5 | 5x10 | 10x10 | 10x15

"Our first time ordering at Mountain Pizza and it was the best pizza we have ever had!"
Alan C, Google review

Delicious cooked-to-order pizza and your favorite brews on tap!
Classic Pizzas • Build Your Own • Detroit-Style
Entrées • Sides • Desserts • Signature Hot Sauces

Easy Pickup Window Open
Order & pay online at
MountainPizzaTapRoom.com
Drive to our pickup window & we'll hand you your order

MOUNTAIN PIZZA & TAPROOM

175 PAGOSA STREET • 11 AM TO 9 PM DAILY
Order On Line: MountainPizzaTapRoom.com

Tapwall happy hour M-F 2-5pm

Maez

Continued from front

neys Ingrid Alt and John Baxter.

The case was prosecuted by deputy district attorneys Genevieve Craggs and Michelle Sudano of the Boulder District Attorney's Office.

The prosecutors put forward that Maez stabbed Mestas more than 40 times and slit her throat on Aug. 6, 2019, while Mestas' granddaughter was elsewhere in the residence after Mestas and Maez had been messaging all day, with Mestas taunting Maez and Maez not able to "handle it."

They pointed to messages from Mestas stopping shortly before 7 p.m. that evening after Maez went to Mestas' residence and Maez dropping the granddaughter off with family down the street by 7:10 p.m., with Maez then leaving the family members' house.

They also pointed to phone calls and messages made by the defendant following the homicide stating he had done something wrong, as well as physical evidence and interviews with investigators, among other evidence.

The prosecutors also pointed out that Maez sent a newspaper article regarding the homicide out to several people the next day, including to Mestas, whom he knew was dead.

The defense contended that Mestas' son killed her, pointing to the fact that he was an initial suspect after it was reported that he had found her following the homicide.

They also indicated that the investigation then turned away from the son and was incomplete and unfair, with evidence ignored and destroyed, such as a phone belonging to the son having somehow been wiped clean while in police custody.

The defense contended Mestas and her son had a drug-fueled relationship and she was threatening to send him back to prison at the time of the murder because she believed he stole from her.

The attorneys contended the fighting between the two escalated in the days leading up to Mestas' death and on Aug. 6 she followed through with her threat to call her son's parole officer.

They also noted that the son went back to the house multiple times and didn't initially call the police upon finding his mother deceased.

The jury began deliberations the morning of Sept. 6.

A verdict was reached shortly before 4 p.m. and read at about 4:20 p.m., with the jury finding the defendant guilty.

Sentencing took place approximately 30 minutes after the verdict was read, with the defense asking Wilson to waive Maez's appearance for the sentencing.

The prosecution objected, but Wilson granted the motion, citing safety.

Vickie Torres, Mestas' sister, spoke on behalf of the family, stating that on Aug. 6, 2019, Maez "brutally murdered" her "beloved sister" and best friend.

Torres told the court she and her sister were 14 months apart and very close, and since Mestas' death she has dealt with depression, anxiety and post-traumatic stress disorder.

She later added that the homicide has destroyed their family "in every way," with their parents since passing and the family missing five years with

Mestas' son and granddaughter, and the father and daughter missing out on time with each other.

She noted that the son has to live with finding his mother murdered and wasn't even able to attend her funeral.

Torres further suggested that they believe Mestas' granddaughter saw more than they realize, and pointed out that Maez sent the newspaper article to 21 people while they didn't know for two days.

Torres asked for the maximum penalty allowed and thanked everyone for everything they had done.

The defense team offered no statement.

Craggs acknowledged there was only one sentence option and called it a "violent, brutal murder," stating Mestas fought very hard for her life.

She added the case has affected many people, the family has had to live without Mestas, and now the family couldn't face Maez and have him hear from them.

She further noted that justice has been served five years later.

Wilson then indicated he's been in the business since the early 1980s and worked homicide cases as a prosecutor, defense attorney and judge and has never seen a sentencing where the defendant asked to not be present.

He then added he knows Maez's history and wanted to keep everyone in the courtroom safe, as well as Maez.

Wilson apologized for how long the case took, calling it "almost a sin" how long it took due to all the issues with the case.

Wilson then stated he was pleased with both sets of counsel and added that what Maez did is "inexcusable."

Wilson called the sentence of life in prison without the possibility of parole appropriate.

The trial was the third attempt in the case.

A mistrial was declared during the second day of jury selection in 2022 due to reasons unrelated to the jury selection involving an investigation within the jail.

In July 2023, Christian Champagne, then the Sixth Judicial District attorney, withdrew from the case and recused his entire office after a contempt of court citation was issued.

In February 2024, a mistrial was declared due to alleged juror misconduct during deliberations.

In June 2024, Champagne was found not guilty of contempt of court in the case.

Colorado drivers pose serious threats to pedestrians in designated low-speed zones

Colorado State Patrol

School zones and construction zones have posted lower speed limits, traffic-calming devices and several high-visibility warning devices for good reasons. Kids' and roadside workers' lives are at risk.

Yet, when looking at last year's data from the Colorado State Patrol (CSP), troopers alone cited 1,237 people for speeding in construction or school zones, a 12 percent increase over 2022 (1,102 citations).

"Slow down! Too many Colorado drivers are failing roadside workers and kids," stated Col. Matthew C. Packard,

chief of the CSP.

Pedestrians of all ages must also take precautions to ensure their safety:

- Cross in designated areas. If designated crosswalks or traffic control personnel are available, this is where pedestrians should cross the road.

- Make eye contact. Before crossing a street, try to establish eye contact with drivers to ensure they see you before proceeding.

- Stay alert. Put away distractions such as headphones and smartphones. Focus on your surroundings and be aware of potential hazards.

- Stay patient. School zones and construction zones can be congested

and noisy. Wait for your turn to cross safely and follow signage and warning devices.

Remember, the key to pedestrian safety in construction and school zones is vigilance, following the rules and guidelines, and always staying alert to your surroundings.

Troopers remind drivers to put away distractions and look for mobile and permanent signs that prompt them to slow down or follow shifting lane patterns. Be a responsible driver by practicing patience behind the wheel and always leaving extra space between your vehicle and other motorists, equipment or people.

WOLF CREEK
THE MOST SNOW IN COLORADO™

2024-2025 PRE-SEASON PASS SALE
Sale: Sat, Sept. 28 - Sun, Oct. 6, 2024
- Shop.WolfCreekSki.com

PEAK ADVANTAGE PASSES -NO Blackout Dates-

	Pre-Season Rate/Regular Rate
Adult	\$1062 / \$1326
Senior (65 & older)	\$466 / \$582
Student (13-18 in school)	\$819 / \$1023
Child (6-12)	\$418 / \$521
Tot (5 & under)	\$58 / \$72

SUPERSAVER PASSES -43 Blackout Dates-

	Pre-Season Rate/Regular Rate
Adult	\$797 / \$996
Senior (65 & older)	\$350 / \$437
Student (13-18 in school)	\$615 / \$768
Child (6-12)	\$314 / \$392
Tot (5 & under)	\$44 / \$55

PEAK ADVANTAGE FAMILY PASSES

	Pre-Season Rate/Regular Rate
1st in Family	\$1062/\$1326
2nd in Family	\$819/\$1023
3rd in Family	\$466/\$582
4th in Family	\$383/\$478
5th in Family	\$383/\$478

SUPERSAVER FAMILY PASSES

	Pre-Season Rate/Regular Rate
1st in Family	\$797/\$996
2nd in Family	\$615/\$768
3rd in Family	\$350/\$437
4th in Family	\$288/\$359
5th in Family	\$288/\$359

FAMILY PASSES - All passes must be same type

Families consist of father, mother, or partners in civil unions and their single, dependent children, 22 years old or younger, living together supported by the same income

Pre-Season Prices End October 6, 2024
WolfCreekSki.com - 970-264-5639

SUPERSAVER BLACKOUT DATES
Nov. 29-30; Dec. 21-31;
Jan. 1-4, 11, 18-19, 25;
Feb. 1-2, 8-9, 14-16, 22;
Mar. 1, 8-20

NATURAL GROCERS®

SEPTEMBER 12-14

AMAZING SAVINGS!

43% OFF
2/\$5
ANNIE'S™ Organic Mac & Cheese Mixes 5.5-6 OZ
ALWAYS AFFORDABLE™ \$4.39

42% OFF
\$1.69 EACH
CLEAN® CAUSE® Organic Sparkling Yerba Mate Drinks | 16 OZ
ALWAYS AFFORDABLE™ \$2.95

{N}POWER® MEMBERS ONLY
SEPTEMBER 12-14

FREE BAG WITH PURCHASE

LIMITED EDITION

Business

Second annual Health Fair and Expo set for Oct. 19

By Mary Jo Coulehan
Pagosa Springs Area Chamber of Commerce

The second annual Health Fair and Expo will be held on Oct. 19 at Pagosa Springs High School from about 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

This event is important on so many levels for people in our community. A component of the fair will be the ability to get your blood drawn and have a variety of tests performed at extremely reasonable rates. Regardless if you have insurance or not, you may want to take advantage of this special pricing for a range of tests.

Another facet of the health fair will be the ability to meet with health care providers, find out about insurance options, and receive other services such as hearing tests, STD testing or other exams.

There will also be a lunch with a keynote speaker, which was a hit last year.

Since it is a health fair, one of the important components is to find out more about healthy products, classes or services that can aid you in looking and feeling better.

There will also be a Spanish-speaking component to the Health Fair, so please reach out to our Spanish community.

Small Business Development Center free consult day

On Wednesday, Sept. 25, the Small Business Development Center (SBDC) will be at the Chamber of Commerce to provide free, one-hour business consultations.

Mary Shepherd, director of the Southwest SBDC, will be on hand to help you with issues in starting a business, financials, internal concerns such as inventory, production or even exit strategies.

The SBDC has a cadre of professionals to help you with a variety of business issues. Looking to write a business plan? Shepherd can help you get started.

Looking to expand? Shepherd can assist you with what you need in terms of financials, growth plans and, yes, that business plan. Perhaps you're looking to retire. Shepherd can get you started and set up with a consultant on creating an exit strategy.

There are many more business-related topics that you can discuss during your free, confidential, one-hour session.

To reserve a time slot, visit www.sbdcofcolorado.org/consulting. Scroll down to "request an initial appointment" and follow the prompts from there. The Chamber is happy to partner with our Southwest SBDC.



SUN photo/Clayton Chaney

Colorado Congressional District 3 Republican candidate Jeff Hurd tours the Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District facilities with district manager Justin Ramsey during his visit on Friday, Sept. 6.

Town council discusses potential changes to tourism board during board appointment

By Derek Kutzer
Staff Writer

On Sept. 3, the Pagosa Springs Town Council approved a resolution appointing Shane Lucero, a local business owner, to an open at-large seat on the Pagosa Springs Area Tourism Board.

But the vote of the council did not come without some discussion about possible changes to the rules of the board and some controversy stemming from the way in which the tourism board handled its own vote on selecting Lucero.

Ultimately, three candidates — Austin Marchand, Jesse Hensle and Lucero — applied for the open seat, which was previously held by Lucero, who sought another term on the board.

The recorded minutes from the Aug. 20 tourism board meeting show that the board chose Lucero using the process of a secret, paper ballot in choosing the candidate, rather than the more typical method of choosing a candidate in an open forum.

Board vice chair Dallas Weaver, who ran the Aug. 20 meeting in the absence of Tourism Director Jenny Green, explained at the council meeting that he wanted to use the paper ballot process because it is less awkward than the board voting in public on its choice for the seat.

Green added that the town attorney had been consulted about whether a secret, paper ballot would be legal for an advisory board to choose a candidate, which would ultimately be approved or disapproved by the town council and the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC).

The minutes from the Aug. 20 tourism board meeting reflect that it was determined that, according to Colorado Revised Statute 24-6-402, the law allows the board to handle the vote via a secret ballot.

The paper ballot tally showed that Lucero received four votes, Hensle received three and Marchand received one vote, according to the meeting minutes.

But town council member Gary Williams, who also serves on the tourism board, asked the council to send the matter back to the tourism board for reconsideration.

Williams suggested that he did not deny that Lucero "has done a very nice job" serving on the board in the past, but felt that a change on the board might better reflect the changing needs and nature of tourism in the community.

"We've got these 25 lodgers and owners of STRs [short-term rentals] in town that would like to see some change and... perhaps my colleagues would like to weigh in on whether they think we need change and if we should send this back to the board for reconsideration," he said.

Council member Brooks Lindner expressed that he supported William's suggestion to send it back to the tourism board for reconsideration.

"There is a risk of allowing members to continually serve on the same board," he said, adding, "I don't think it serves the best... interests of our goals for tourism."

Council member Mat deGraaf chimed in, saying that the board should embrace dissent and opposing viewpoints on the tourism board.

Council member Leonard Martinez disagreed with the suggestions to send this issue back to the tourism board for reconsideration, saying, "I'm absolutely opposed to this."

"The principal is most important, and that is that there is a process and it was followed. We're questioning the results of that process, and what I would ask is why don't you take a look at the process? But, it's too late now to be making a change," he said.

He added, "We have someone who has served and still wants to serve, and we find that a lot of our commissions and boards have trouble filling those spots."

He also added that Lucero "is a person who has served well and wants to continue to serve."

He cited the importance of Pagosa's historic culture, saying that Lucero is "fifth generation and, more importantly, on his mother's side, is the namesake, Archuleta of the county... so the roots are deep, in that regard. So, listen, we have somebody who has access to where we came from and can continue to help us today."

He suggested the board already went through the process of choosing a candidate and "it would be the wrong thing to do" to send the issue back to them for reconsideration.

However, council member Madeline Bergon noted that it did seem "the process" in which Lucero was chosen "was a different process than what we've seen before."

"There was a paper ballot, and I have not seen that process utilized previously for board recommendations, and, so, I'm just a little curious... because this was a different way of going about that election," she said.

Green explained that Weaver was "the acting chair of that meeting" and that the paper ballot method was chosen after the last time the board chose candidates in an open process, which she described as "extremely awkward."

She said the candidates from that previous January meeting were "friends, customers, etc. in a very small town," making the public vote difficult.

She noted that she had met with Weaver and he asked if it was "possible to do a different kind of vote" this time around, instead of a public vote, and that she had personally contacted town attorney Bob Cole, who told her that it would be fine "as long as the results are recorded in the minutes."

"I'm the one who brought it up... we're a very small town and we see everyone day-to-day," Weaver said, suggesting he anticipated a scenario where a candidate would ask, "Did you vote for me or not?" and the paper ballot was a way to avoid this "awkward" interaction.

Mayor Shari Pierce said that she understands the difficult position doing a vote in public puts the board members in, but this was part of being a public servant in the community.

"I've had a lot of people come to me over the years about decisions that have been made, and my response is, if you don't like what we're doing, maybe we should look at changing the rules," she said.

She added that the memorandum of understanding (MOU) between the town, Archuleta County and the tourism board, allows for members to serve consecutive terms indefinitely.

"The tourism board did not have to take that into consideration when they were choosing a candidate... So, if this is a problem, then we should consider changing the MOU," she said.

However, in the case of the paper ballot, she said, "I personally don't like secret ballots," but said that the town attorney stated it was legal, so if the council thinks this is a problem, "we have the ability" to address that "in the rules as well that they shouldn't have secret ballots."

She said to Weaver, "You're right... it's very hard, but we [the council] sat here and interviewed our town manager candidates in an open meeting and discussed and voted right in front of them, and if you're gonna be on the board, it's just something you're gonna have to do."

She continued, "So, that's typically the way we do it," adding that if the council wanted to address the selection process of tourism board members, it would need to change the MOU to be more specific on the matter.

"I'm willing to be in favor of what the tourism board brought before us,"

she said, also noting that she would like to address what Williams brought before the council, and others voiced agreement with, about addressing the concerns of the lodgers and changing tourism dynamics.

deGraaf added, "There's a sentiment within the community that is running counter to the direction that we are heading," saying that he'd like to see those voices be "heard and acknowledged."

"That group needs to feel as if they were heard," he said.

When a motion was made to approve Lucero's appointment to the board, the council was unanimously in favor of it.

The issue goes next in front of the BoCC.
derek@pagosasun.com

An Autumn Encore
of the 19th Hole Concerts
At the Pagosa Springs Golf Club

With Bob Hemenger
Thursday, September 19
5:00-6:30pm

\$10 ticket supports local nonprofits

Proceeds support the Archuleta County Fund of the Community Foundation which provides annual granting to local organizations.

Food and drinks available for purchase

Silent Auction!

No outside food/drinks or pets, please!

Hilltop Cemetery Fall Clean-Up

To assist Town crews in the clean-up of the cemetery prior to winter, and to provide a safe environment for loved ones and visitors, please remove the following items from burial plots, driveways, paths, or rights-of-way before Tuesday, October 1, 2024:

- Artificial flowers & shrubs which are faded and falling apart
- Statues which are broken and in disrepair
- Disposable vases which are broken and in disrepair (may be replaced after the clean-up)

Please watch for a community meeting after the first of the year to review and update current cemetery guidelines.

Plots may be purchased at Town Hall and are for interment rights only. Burials are not permitted without a completed application available at Town Hall.

A complete set of rules may be obtained from Town Hall or at pagosasprings.co.gov/cemeteries.

Town of Pagosa Springs
551 Hot Springs Blvd.
Pagosa Springs, CO 81147
970-264-4151

STAY ON TOP OF IT ALL!
Subscribe Today!

Veterans for Veterans of Archuleta County Presents

Free Community PANCAKE BREAKFAST

SEPTEMBER 14TH, 8-11AM

The Young Eagles program will be doing **FREE PLANE RIDES**

For kids from 8-18, on Saturday, September 14th and Sunday the 15th from 8 AM to 11 AM.

Parents **MUST** preregister their kids at this website: www.YoungEaglesDay.com and enter 81147 for location in the box indicated.

They can also scan these QR codes to register:

Stevens Field Airport, 777 Piedra Rd. (County Road 600)
For questions or more info, contact: PaulaByra17@gmail.com

Thanks to our Gold Sponsors:
Exit Realty Home and Ranch
Pagosa Springs Walmart Durango Motor Company

Repairs

Continued from front

PAWSD has estimated that bringing the Vista plant into compliance with the state environmental regulation, pertaining to acceptable phosphorus and nitrogen outputs, would be a multi-million-dollar upgrade project.

The town-run PSSGID would be responsible for 25 percent of these upgrade costs, per its current agreement with PAWSD, putting the town on the hook for expensive repairs if both entities continue with the current system, which annually pumps 460 million gallons of town wastewater several miles uphill, using a series of lift stations, to the PAWSD-owned Vista plant.

This has led both entities to consider the idea of building a new, jointly run wastewater treatment plant closer to downtown.

A recent memorandum of understanding (MOU) between the PSSGID and PAWSD states, "There remains uncertainty as to the long-term viability of the [town's] main pipeline and two pump stations."

Aging infrastructure and a history of failing lift station pumps has required the PSSGID to spend over a million dollars to keep the current system running adequately, the MOU states.

The MOU also states that, "as part of the Roaring Fork Study, it is noted that if consolidation is pursued between" the two entities, "the community may be better served by a new wastewater treatment facility," with Yamaguchi Park South being the ideal location.

But Johnson said at the meeting that the most immediate thing that needs attention is "the rehabilitation

of category 4 and 5s in the collection system."

He added, "There's a new lift station proposed at 1st Street to help with that East End of town, and the collection pipe that is hanging off the vehicular bridge, that is one of the category 4s."

He explained that some "emergency repairs" have salvaged it for now, but it needs replacing.

He said that the list of category 5s is growing, "but not exponentially," so the district should rehabilitate the category 4s before they turn into category 5s.

He broke the rehabilitation of the system into phases, with phase 1 being the rehabilitation of category 4 and 5 sewer pipes and "lagoon decommissioning."

He said, "Currently, for phase 1a, the rates reflect that we can support a debt service of up to \$4 million for the first phase, and that's just to get us going."

He said that once the district moves into phase 1b, and "beyond, we'd have to, at that point, consider raising rates" on customers, as well as continuing to seek other funding such as grants and congressional appropriations.

This was described by Harris as a "build as you sail" method of addressing the issue.

"It should be noted, too, that as we move forward... we are literally looking at all sorts of funding, from bond funding, to help us get started, to grant funding, as well as the state's revolving loan fund," Harris said.

Mayor Shari Pierce asked both Johnson and Harris if "the ask for tonight is for us to start moving down the path of phase 1," to which Harris

replied, "That is correct."

Board member Mat deGraaf wanted clarification that the current rate structure could support the district beginning phase 1 without a rate increase, with Johnson saying that it could support the district beginning the project.

Johnson reminded the board about the urgency to get started on the project.

"We found one [a new category 5] last week. We don't have time to wait for grant funding. It needs to be done now, or we're looking at a catastrophic event if we don't do something," he said.

Pierce then asked Harris to walk the board through a few options, either for the town to loan some money from its general fund to the PSSGID or to apply for a \$2 million bond request.

Harris suggested that the town was funding that could support a loan to the PSSGID, adding that if the board chose the loan or going for an immediate bond, "We need to make this happen... we need to get moving on something here."

Harris added that if the board chose a loan, that it should start with a smaller number until the town gets a financial advisor on board to make sure a larger loan is fiscally sound.

He recommended tabling the discussion until a financial advisor could be approved at the next town council meeting.

But deGraaf asked if it was possible to loan the PSSGID a smaller amount of money than the \$2 million originally being asked for so staff could at least start tackling some of the most immediate threats to the system.

Johnson indicated that it was possible.

Board member Madeline Bergon asked how much Johnson would need to get started repairing some of the most damaged pipes.

"I mean, I'd take \$500,000. I'd take a million. It needs to just start," Johnson said.

Pierce asked for an amount that "could get you through the emergency of, say, the next four weeks, while we seek a financial advisor and get us ready, so that we can move forward with the bigger steps forward."

Johnson stated that he could get started on the project with \$500,000 on hand.

Harris explained that the money would help the town's public works staff "get kick-started on some of these truly known problems and repairs, and we need to get the engineers in there to design and get us ready, so that we can move forward with the bigger steps forward."

Board member Leonard Martinez said that he had enough information to make a motion to make \$500,000 available from the town's General Fund for this project until the board makes a decision on the best way forward financially for the larger project at hand.

The motion was passed unanimously by the board.

deGraaf said, "As someone who works in the industry, the weather windows are closing quickly, and I don't want the guys in the field to get put off for another month to make what I already assume are going to be unpleasant repairs, so the sooner they can get going, the better."

derek@pagosasun.com

Burns

Continued from front

Catamount Trail (650 acres).

Additionally, multiple pile burns will take place at various locations later in the year when snow is present. These areas include Eight Mile Mesa, Turkey Springs, Fawn Gulch, Buckles Lake Road, East Monument Road, Quartz Meadow Road and the upper Piedra area near Williams Creek Campground.

The Columbine Ranger District began its fall prescribed fire operations in the Fosset Gulch area of the Southern HDs on Sept. 9.

The forests in Southwest Colorado are part of a fire-adapted ecosystem, which has historically experienced frequent, low-intensity fires on a large scale. Prescribed fire replicates that fire regime under controlled conditions.

These burn units are part of me-

chanical fuels reduction projects designed to reduce hazardous ground fuels and long-term risk of catastrophic wildfire, as well as restoring ponderosa pine ecosystems, and improving wildlife habitat.

Smoke will be visible from U.S. 160 and U.S. 84, and from Pagosa Springs.

Smoke from wildfires and prescribed fires may affect your health. More information on smoke is avail-

able at <https://cdphe.colorado.gov/wood-smoke-and-your-health>.

Maps of the prescribed burn units and additional information can be found on Inciweb. For more information, please contact Fred Ellis, assistant fire management officer (fuels), Pagosa Ranger District, at fred.ellis@usda.gov.

For information on the San Juan National Forest, call (970) 247-4874 or visit the forest website.

Bear

Continued from front

of the building.

"The bear was still hanging around the area only about 120 yards from the facility when our first officer arrived," he reports. "One of our wildlife officers darted the bear."

Livingston adds, "This same bear had been handled by CPW officers a week earlier and relocated after multiple nuisance incidents, but it quickly made its way back."

He adds that because the bear entered an occupied dwelling the previous night and had already previously been relocated just last week, the bear was put down.

According to CPW, over half of bear incident reports in 2023 occurred in the months of August, September and October.

Reported conflicts with bears most commonly result from attractants such as trash, bird seed, pet food, and barbecue grills, the agency reports. When bears become too comfortable around people, they can destroy property or even become a threat to human safety.

"Research shows that bears prefer natural sources of food. But, they will seek out sources of human-provided food if it's available, which can become dangerous to humans," said CPW Northwest Region Senior Wildlife Biologist Brad Banulis. "Preventing bears from relying on human food sources takes a community effort, and it's important that we all take proactive steps to limit human food sources in order to avoid any possible conflicts with bears and bear-proof our homes."

A black bear's natural diet consists of berries, fruits, nuts, plants and grasses that grow naturally in the foothills and forests. When natural sources of food become scarce, a bear's drive to search for food can overcome its fear of humans, the agency states.

Hyperphagia

CPW reported in late August that black bears in Colorado are entering hyperphagia and will spend up to 20 hours a day trying to search out and eat as much food as possible as they fatten up for winter.

Hyperphagia, the agency states, is an increase in feeding activity driven by biological need.

"In the coming months, it is critical that people are vigilant and proactive in removing all attractants from outside homes and campsites in order to prevent conflicts and encounters with black bears," a CPW press release states.

According to the agency, 20 chicken sandwiches, 10 large orders of french fries, 10 soft drinks and 10 milkshakes is the approximate fast food order needed to total 20,000 calories, which is how many calories hyperphagia drives a hungry black bear to consume every single day as they build up their fat reserves to survive the winter.

Be bear aware

CPW offers a reminder that by taking some simple precautions, you can avoid human/wildlife conflicts and help to keep bears wild, and the agency offers the following tips.

Bear-proofing your home:

- Keep garbage in a well-secured location. Only put out garbage on the morning of pickup.
- Clean garbage cans regularly to keep them free of food odors: ammonia is effective.
- Keep garage doors closed. Do not leave pet food or stock feed outside.
- Use a bear-resistant trash can or dumpster.
- Bird feeders are a major source of bear/human conflicts. Attract birds naturally with flowers and water baths. Do not hang bird feeders from April 15 to Nov. 15.
- Don't allow bears to become comfortable around your house. If

you see one, haze it by yelling at it, throwing things at it and making loud noises to scare it off.

- Secure compost piles. Bears are attracted to the scent of rotting food.
- Clean the grill after each use, and clean up thoroughly after cookouts.
- If you have fruit trees, don't allow the fruit to rot on the ground.
- Talk to your neighbors and kids about being Bear Aware.
- Cars, traveling and campsites:
 - Lock your doors when you're away from home and at night.
 - Keep the bottom-floor windows of your house closed when you're not at home.
- Do not keep food in your vehicle; roll up windows and lock the doors of your vehicles.
- When car-camping, secure all food and coolers in a locked vehicle.
- Keep a clean camp, whether you're in a campground or in the backcountry.
- When camping in the backcountry, hang food 100 feet or more from the campsite; don't bring any food into your tent.
- Cook food well away from your tent; wash dishes thoroughly.

Protecting your chickens, bees,

livestock:

- Keep chickens, bees and livestock in a fully covered enclosure, especially at night.
- Construct electric fencing when possible.
- Don't store livestock feed outside.
- Keep enclosures clean to minimize animal odors.
- Hang rags soaked in ammonia and/or Pine-Sol around the enclosure as a scent deterrent.
- CPW asks all residents and visitors to help save Colorado's bears by being actively bear aware throughout the late summer and fall seasons. Bear conflicts and, unfortunately, bear euthanization is most often traced back to human behavior. It is all of our responsibility to help minimize risks to humans and bears alike by being mindful of our impacts.

For more information on bears in Colorado, visit cpw.state.co.us/living-bears. If you have questions or need to report bear problems, call your nearest CPW office.

Additional information can be found at <https://cpw.state.co.us/protect-your-home-wildlife>.

randi@pagosasun.com

Need \$100? Need \$5,000? Come see us now!

\$ CASH LOANS \$

Short-term loans based on collateral only, we take collateral on the following:

Cars • Trucks • Trailers • ATVs • Motorcycles
Guns • Gold • Jewelry • Silver & More

★ Got Gold? Get Cash! ★

We buy gold, silver, guns, ammo and more.

Turn your old, broken jewelry into CASH TODAY

San Juan Trading Post
635 San Juan St. (Hwy 160) • (970) 731-PAWN (7296)



FREE QUOTES
706-410-4997

INFO@SANJUANARBORISTS.COM
LICENSED • BONDED • INSURED

SAN JUAN ARBORISTS
TREE SERVICE PROVIDER

- Tree Trimming and Pruning
- Hazard Tree Removals
- Lot Clearing & Fire Mitigation
- Cabling and Bracing



HAVE MEDICAID?

Non-emergency medical transportation to anywhere in Colorado and border state approved cities for Medicaid insured rides to and from Medicaid providers

Pre-approval and 24-hour notice required.

You may qualify for FREE transportation.

Call WJP/A1 Taxi to get yourself set up.
970-731-4081

Also Durango Airport Shuttle • Taxi Service • Weddings
Charter Service • Private Parties



Wilderness Journeys Pagosa, Inc
Call 970-731-4081 for scheduling
PUC # 16400, DOT# 2842985, MCT# 0021

BIBLICAL CITIZENSHIP
IN MODERN AMERICA

Providing the Biblical, Historical and Constitutional instruction we need for such a time as this.

Mondays 6:00pm to 8:00pm Sept 23 - Nov 11

Grace in Pagosa - 1044 Park Ave

Class is FREE and refreshments are provided
Scan QR Code for more info or
Call Perry at 970-903-3011



Learn what the Bible has to say about living out Biblical Citizenship.



BJ Jones and Lars Schneider, owners, have spent a combined total of over 45 years in Pagosa Springs.

As long-time locals, we operate with small-town hospitality without the "Pagosa-time mentality." Your time is as valuable as ours, so we operate with punctuality.

Mountain Men Disaster Mitigation is here to service you and your family through providing quality in our work, and being timely and efficient.

Don't forget to check your crawl spaces for standing water. Water mixed with the normal environments produced in a crawlspace is the perfect breeding ground for microbial growth. We also offer sump pump system installations and repairs as well as moisture barriers. Call today for a free evaluation!

Spring is here. Don't forget to check your crawlspaces for standing water and microbial growth or call us for a free inspection!

Call us for 24/7 Emergency Response

Call 970-946-0238 or 970-749-9028

DISASTER RESTORATION FLOOD MITIGATION CRAWLSPACE INSPECTIONS/WORK

Mountain Men



Disaster Mitigation

Fire Restoration Mold Remediation Smoke and Odor Removal
Water Extraction Structural Drying

Lars Schneider
970-946-0238

BJ Jones
970-749-9028

MountainMenDM.com • mail@mountainmendem.com

NATIONALLY LICENSED INSURED LOCALLY OWNED & OPERATED



Sports

CROSS-COUNTRY



Photo courtesy Rachael Christiansen

Pirate Stetson Osborn runs en route to a 231st place finish out of more than 300 runners in Alamosa on Sept. 7. Osborn shaved more than a minute off his race time compared to the first race of the season.



Photo courtesy Rachael Christiansen

Pirate Jesse Beck works toward his first sub-19-minute finish at the Joe I. Vigil XC Invitational in Alamosa on Sept. 7.



Photo courtesy Rachael Christiansen

Lady Pirates Mila Miller and Vivy DavRem run together at the Joe I. Vigil XC Invitational in Alamosa on Sept. 7. Both harriers have taken minutes off their time over the course of the season.

‘Major progress’: Pirates set new PRs at Alamosa meet

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

Last weekend’s Joe I. Vigil XC Invitational in Alamosa showcased progress for the Pagosa Springs High School Pirate cross-country teams, and featured a number of personal records (PRs).

“What a fun race weekend in Alamosa at the Joe Vigil Invitational,” coach Rachael Christiansen wrote in the team’s newsletter. “It was one of those days where we had almost everyone racing, the weather was perfect, and we saw some major progress by every single runner!”

The Lady Pirates finished 16th out of 23 teams at the meet, with the Pirates finishing 24th out of 28 teams.

Both teams placed seventh of the teams in their region, according to the coach, who indicates that both teams can make large strides in the coming weeks.

Sienna Rose was the first Lady Pirate across the line, finishing 39th out of 257 runners with a time of 20 minutes, 58.07 seconds in what Christiansen noted was Rose’s first race of the season.

Christiansen adds Rose started her season “off right with a new PR and breaking the 21 minute mark for the first time.”

The coach adds, “Now, she’s eyeing potentially breaking 20 minutes, which would be the first time a Lady Pirate has done that in almost 10 years!”

Kaiya Lyons finished in 88th with a time of 22:39.85, breaking the 23-minute mark for the first time and setting a new PR.

Madisen Stretton finished 117th with a time of 23:35.02.

Christiansen notes Stretton was coming off an injury, but ran a “very strong race” and earned a PR.

“It has been a couple tough weeks for her and we are so happy to see her commitment to rehab and patience in the process pay off,” the coach wrote.

Stretton was followed by Adison Johnson in 119th with a time of 23:26.02, which the coach highlights was her first time breaking 24 minutes.

Bella Jackson crossed the line 122nd in 23:32.56, with the coach pointing out she took over 10 minutes off her race time in Durango the previous week, earning a sub-24-minute PR.

“As a new freshman runner, she’s learning what her pre-race food/water/etc should look like and we’d say it definitely paid off,” Christiansen wrote.

Hailey Sams finished 158th with a time of 24:46.86.

“Hailey Sams ran one of her best races as a Lady Pirate, finishing as our 6th runner,” Christiansen notes.

Vivy DavRem finished 182nd with a time of 25:21.13, which Christiansen highlights is more than five minutes faster than her time in Silverton.

Mila Miller finished 206th in 26:05.62.

“Mila Miller was our 8th runner, also taking almost 5 minutes of her previous PR from Silverton,” the coach wrote. “These freshman ladies are looking really strong to start and we’re excited to see what a little more experience can do for them.”

Gwen Tyler finished 246th in 30:39.49.

“Gwen Tyler was our final Lady Pirate, finishing off a strong race after battling being sick for a few weeks,” Christiansen wrote. “She even took over 5 minutes off her PR from Durango the previous week.”

Jesse Beck was the top finisher for the boys’ squad, finishing 92nd out of 304 runners.

Beck ran a time of 18:36.66, breaking 19 minutes for the first time.

“This has been something he had been trying to do for years, and crushed it with an 18:36 official time,” Christiansen wrote.

Connor Thomas finished 114th with a time of 19:09.82, with the coach noting he took 41 seconds off his prior PR and is “getting very close to breaking that 19 minute mark.”

Eli Nehring shaved 2:58 off his race last weekend to set a new PR to finish 162nd with a time of 20:28.96, with the coach adding she has no doubts he’ll break the 20-minute mark by the end of the season.

Merrick Tudor followed in 175th with a time of 20:40.43.

“Merrick ran almost 3 minutes faster than his debut race in Silverton and is looking strong as a freshman runner,” Christiansen wrote. “We also believe he will break that 20 minute mark this season.”

Dylan Dempster was the fifth Pirate to cross the finish line, finishing 188th with a time of 21:05.88.

Christiansen notes Dempster took 12 seconds off his PR from regionals

last year and ran “a strong race from start to finish.”

Peyton Jackson and Weston Sweet finished at virtually the same time, with Jackson taking 192nd with a time of 21:16.71 and Sweet taking 193rd with a time of 21:16.71.

“Peyton Jackson returned to the team and was running his first race of the season. Peyton may not have gotten a PR, but for his first race after only a few practices, coming off an injury from last year, we’d say he ran great,” Christiansen wrote. “Weston Sweet finished at the exact same time as Peyton, running his first ever HS XC 5k! He is another freshman who has a lot of potential and room to grow before the end of the season. Keep an eye on this guy!”

Isaac Hanto finished 224th with a time of 22:02.32.

The coach highlights that Hanto also finished the day with a new PR, “besting his time from last year by a few seconds.”

Stetson Osborn was the ninth Pirate across the line, finishing 231st with a time of 22:18.58, which the coach notes is more than a minute faster than his first race in Silverton.

“Stetson had a strong final mile, but we think he has more in him, so we’re sure he’ll continue to improve and possibly even move up in the team,” she wrote.

Running his first race of the season after only a few practices was Asher Kurz, according to the coach.

Kurz ran a time of 23:51.34 to finish 254th, which Christiansen adds is almost two minutes faster than his PR from last year.

“He is looking strong and with some dedicated practices and time on his feet running, we think he’ll continue to take time off as the season progresses,” she wrote.

The coach acknowledges the teams have some work to do and indicated the Pirates will work to move up the ranks over the course of the season.

“It was exciting to have almost everyone race at such a big event,” she wrote in an email to The SUN. “While we had great performances from everyone, we definitely have some work to do in these upcoming weeks to move up into a better position for State. Our region is a very strong region and we have some major competition, so the focus now is staying healthy and working our

and par on one hole.

On Monday, Sept. 9, the Pirates took part in the Gunnison High School Invitational at Dos Rios Golf Club.

The Pirates finished ninth at the 14-team tournament.

Liverett finished 18th with an 87, which included shooting eagle on one hole, birdie on one, par on five and bogeys on six.

Dimond ended the day 23rd with a 90, logging par on six holes and bogeys on seven.

Galloway finished 56th with a 109, ■ See Golf A10

Climbing to New Heights with Health Coverage for Southwest Colorado

Long-time Colorado Nonprofit Has Joined Peak to Create Health Plans Made Just for You

See What We’re Doing for Our Community

Durango Nursery & Supply inc.

Solutions to the Southwest Landscape

271 Kay Cee Lane
970-259-8800

Visit DurangoNursery.com to learn more!

Prices are Falling!

20% Off
Xeric Plants, Broadleaf Evergreens, Little Bluestem Grasses, and B&B Aspens!

25% Off Pottery

40% Off Pond Supplies!

Monday - Friday 8 am - 5 pm
Saturdays 9 am - 5 pm

Find additional sales throughout the nursery!

Live Your Colorado Dream!

\$15K in closing costs

65 Caballero Drive \$829,000

MLS # 811817

This home is perfectly located on approximately an acre of land in the Pagosa Lakes area. Open the back door and a 700 sq ft deck will provide additional space for a BBQ grill, plenty of outdoor seating, and a new hot tub for your relaxation and enjoyment. 4 beds/2.5 baths with 2,350 sq. ft.

To tour this home go to: <https://tinyurl.com/65Caballero>

1135 Park Avenue, Unit 401 \$609,000

MLS # 813453

Beautiful end unit townhome in Whispering Pines! No neighbors directly behind you as this area has a picnic table, a gazebo and feels like an extension of your own backyard right off the lower patio. 2 beds/2.5 baths with 2,044 sq. ft.

To tour this home go to: <https://tinyurl.com/1135ParkAve>

Price Reduced

1001 Soaring Eagle Court \$925,000

MLS # 813551

2 Bed, 2 Bath, 2,073 sq foot house on 36.44 acres. Navajo River Ranch has 2 private entrances into the forest. This home has wonderful views of the San Juan Mountain Range and great decks. 2 tributaries come together to form a seasonal creek called Oil Well Creek on the property.

To tour this home go to: <https://tinyurl.com/1001SoaringEagleCourt>

Price Reduced

Cloman Industrial Park \$380,000

MLS # 807337

.68 Acre, 1500 sq. ft. commercial building located in Cloman Industrial Park. There is enough property to build another building or make a large wrap around parking lot. There is a 3000 BYU gas heater and a 40 gallon hot water heater.

To tour this home go to: <https://tinyurl.com/2453RunningHorse>

Price Reduced

2453 Running Horse Place \$2,250,000

MLS # 813104

35.2 Acres with a guest house and set up for horses. The property comes with an extra workshop/garage, a growing dome, a round pen, 3 stall + barn and numerous out buildings. The main house is 5,141 sq. ft. and the guest house is 2,028 sq. ft.

To tour this home go to: <https://tinyurl.com/2453RunningHorse>

Price Reduced

247 Davis Cup Drive, Unit 4258 \$355,000

MLS # 811750

Great condo with the primary bedroom on the main level and a second spacious bedroom on the second level. Updated kitchen with granite countertops and newer appliances. 2 beds/3 baths with 1,345 sq. ft.

To tour this home go to: <https://tinyurl.com/247DavisCup>

Under Contract

125 Coyote Drive • \$620,000

MLS # 817374

One owner 2nd home has 3.12 acres, 3 bedrooms, 3 baths. The master is on the ground floor, front deck and back porch are covered.

Own Your Own Piece of Colorado Land!

30 High Drive — MLS # 794628, \$59,900
147 Cat Creek Overlook — MLS # 806842, 1.26 acres, \$25,000
27 D Place — MLS # 813258, \$165,000

Shellie Hogue
REALTOR®, BROKER
C: 970.759.8109
ShellieHogue@gmail.com
www.shelliehogue.com

Gail Brault
REALTOR®, Broker Associate
C: 970.946.2051
GailBrault1957@gmail.com

Barbara Swindlehurst
REALTOR®, BROKER/ OWNER
C: 303.618.7423
Barbara@MountainMeadowRealEstate.com

409 Lewis Street | P.O. Box 3850 | Pagosa Springs, CO 81147
MountainMeadowRealEstate.info • office: 970.264.6673

GOLF

Pirates face off at trio of tournaments

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Pirate golf team took part in three tournaments over the course of a week, with the results showing both bright spots and areas for work.

“I see periods of really good golf,” coach Mark Faber said, adding the team just has to figure out how to have that be consistent for 18 holes.

The Pirates took part in the Monte Vista Golf Tournament on Friday, Sept. 6, finishing second behind the host team.

Johnathon Smith finished second on the day with a 73, which included birdies on two holes, par on 12 and bogey on three.

Tyler Dimond finished seventh with an 86, which included shooting par on six holes and bogeys on nine holes.

Cedar Liverett finished 10th with an 89, shooting par on six holes and bogeys on six holes.

Isabel Galloway finished 17th with a 100, with Galloway shooting par on two holes and bogeys on three holes.

Max Brown finished 19th with a 106. He recorded bogeys on six holes

and par on one hole.

On Monday, Sept. 9, the Pirates took part in the Gunnison High School Invitational at Dos Rios Golf Club.

The Pirates finished ninth at the 14-team tournament.

Liverett finished 18th with an 87, which included shooting eagle on one hole, birdie on one, par on five and bogeys on six.

Dimond ended the day 23rd with a 90, logging par on six holes and bogeys on seven.

Galloway finished 56th with a 109, ■ See Golf A10

VOLLEYBALL



SUN photo/Randi Pierce

The Lady Pirates log a set-winning block against the Telluride Miners on Saturday, Sept. 7. The Lady Pirates won 3-1 on the day.

Lady Pirates fall to Moose, defeat Miners

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Lady Pirates went 1-1 over the last week to move to a 4-3 record on the season.

On Thursday, Sept. 5, the Lady Pirates welcomed the Alamosa Mean Moose to town, but sent the Mean Moose home with a 3-0 win.

Alamosa won the first set 25-12, the second set 25-13 and the third set 25-20.

"I was really proud of the girls for going up against a very tough team that's already like very well-oiled, and we are still pretty raw right now and have a ton of growth," said coach Katie Lorenzen.

She added she told the team after the game that she's excited by how much potential the team still has and that in that game against a "really good, tough team" they never gave up, never gave up on each other and finished strong.

"Even though we lost in three, our third set was the best," she said.

The coach highlighted the Lady Pirates' passing in the game.

"We passed really well that game against a tough team, which was great so that we had an opportunity to run an offense, but we never did get in an offensive rhythm," she said. "Our block had to work harder than they have at all this season and going up against a middle from Alamosa that jumped so high, was so quick, and their setter could get her the ball at a speed that we ... can't even replicate at practice."

She added she was proud of the Lady Pirates' middles for working hard to get to every block and to have to commit block, which is something she noted they haven't really had to do in practice.

"So, ... I was really impressed by just how hard they worked and [followed] directions," Lorenzen said.

Lorenzen also highlighted Pagosa's seven aces and two service errors.

"That was nice. We were serving tough and kept our errors really low," she said.

Lexi Campbell recorded three of those aces, with Cadence Kerns and Dawson Iverson recording two each.

Campbell led the team with 11 serving points.

Aspen Pitcher logged four of the team's 13 kills, with Kerns tallying three.

The Lady Pirates had six blocks in the matchup, with Pitcher logging the

team's solo block and Kerns leading with four assisted blocks.

The team had 24 digs, led by six from Kerns.

Sophia Sottek led the team in assists with eight of the team's 12.

Pitcher led the team in serve receptions with 25 of the team's total of 58.

The Lady Pirates rebounded with a 3-1 win against the Telluride Miners on Saturday, Sept. 7.

The Lady Pirates won the first set 26-24, fell 25-19 in the second, won 25-21 in the third and completed the victory with a 25-12 win in the fourth set.

"It was nice to get the win at home," Lorenzen said, pointing out the Lady Pirates also switched their home bench to the other end of the court for the game. "It's pretty much

been since 2019 that ... we've been on that side of the court because we used to switch between every single set, but the state refs have still voted to not switch sides in between sets. So, we'd wanted to do this before, but this year we just told the girls we are gonna flip-flop every home game or so. That way we have a different view as coaches behind our outside hitters instead of spending almost the entire season only behind our ... setter and right-side hitters and having only that view."

She added almost every gym the team goes to they end up on the same end of the bench.

"So, it was really nice to have a different view," she said, adding it allowed them to see for the outside hitters what was available and where Telluride wasn't blocking.

"And both outside hitters just crushed it," she said. "It was really, really fun to see. Both of our outsides ended up with 10 kills."

Campbell led the team in overall points with her 10 kills and six aces, Lorenzen noted, and had a double-double, also tallying 16 digs.

Pitcher also had a double-double with 10 kills and 13 digs.

Lorenzen noted Iverson logged the best hitting percentage on the team for the game, adding she had eight kills, kept the ball in play and was aggressive.

"So, that was really nice to see, and she's going for the slides and that is what her job is when she's in the front row next to the setter, so she's done a great job with that," the coach said.

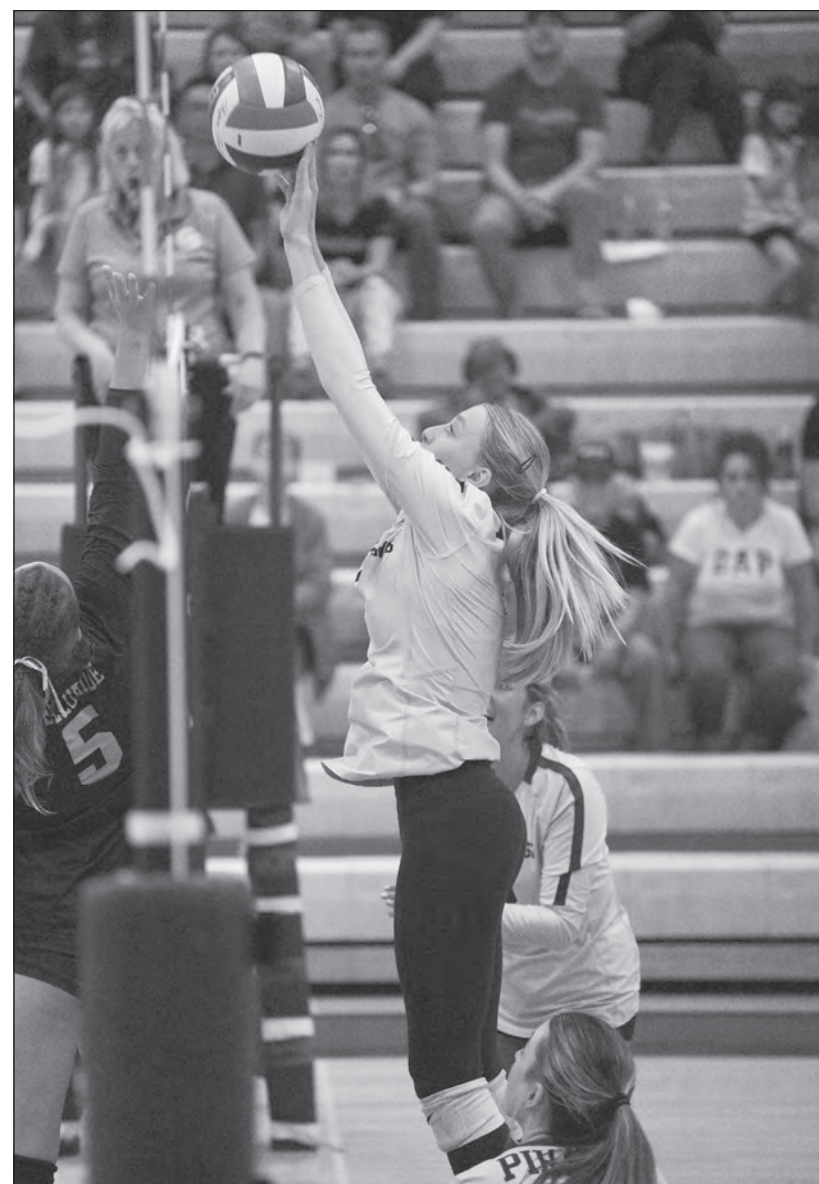
Both setters were in the best rhythm they've been in all season, the coach pointed out.

Hayden Peterson had 17 assists in the matchup, and Sottek had 13.

The coach noted the team had too many service errors, but indicated being on the other side of the gym and having different depth perception with how much space is behind the north side of the court.

"We had a little bit of ups and downs, and we made some switches with liberos that was planned," Lorenzen said, adding both Charity Domingo and Amber Snarr did a great job going in, bringing a lot of energy

■ See Volleyball on A12



SUN photo/Randi Pierce

Lady Pirate Cadence Kerns sends the ball over the net during the team's win over the Telluride Miners on Saturday, Sept. 7. The Lady Pirates improved to 4-3 on the season with the win.

Golf

■ Continued from A9
which included shooting birdie on one hole and bogeys on six.

The Pirates finished tied for eighth as a team at the 16-team Dalton Ranch Invite in Durango Tuesday, Sept. 10.

Smith finished fourth on the day with a 75, shooting birdies on three holes, par on 11 holes and bogeys on two.

Liverett finished 46th with a 94, shooting birdie on one hole, par on three and bogeys on seven.

Dimond shot a 97 to finish 54th,

shooting par on four holes and bogeys on five.

Max Brown finished 66th with a 103, shooting par on two holes and bogeys on six.

Galloway took part in the girls' tournament and finished tied for eighth with a 109.

She shot par on two holes and bogeys on three.

Faber noted there were "some really bright spots" and some tough parts at each tournament.

Smith, he indicated, played alright, but was battling "a bit of an

injury" that resulted in him not playing in Gunnison and that he played through on Tuesday in Durango.

"He's still playing well," Faber said. Faber indicated the rest of the team is working hard.

On Monday, Sept. 16, the Pirates will play at the Chuck Soria Boys Invitational in Kirtland, N.M., at Riverview Golf Course.

Faber indicated the team will continue to work on improving consistency moving toward the regional tournament later this month.

randi@pagosun.com

A1 Taxi Service

970-585-4903

8am-8pm Sunday-Thursday
8am-10pm Friday and Saturday
or by appointment!

Reliability Matters!

Fully licensed and insured!
Smoke-free vehicles!
Local discount system- just ask!

Courtesy Counts!



PUC 16400, MCT 0021, DOT 2842985

Sell it in the classifieds

Cars • Bikes • Houses • Land • Saddles • Hay • Goats
Horses • Boats • Tools • Furniture • You name it!

The Pagosa Springs SUN

To place your classified ad, call
(970) 264-2100



Join us in welcoming your newest

HomeTown Agent!

Cassidy D. Barry

CO #846588 | C4HCO Cert #9044090052

Health

Life

Dental

Vision

Travel Medical

Let's work together to address your insurance needs - call today!

HomeTown

Insurance & Financial Services, Inc.

(970)264-4321

Toll Free:(866)333-8342

818 Rosita St. • Pagosa Springs, CO

www.hometowninsurancepros.com

Your Friendly, Knowledgeable, Professional, HomeTown Team.

Professional Directory

Accounting

JJ ACCOUNTING SERVICES

We can assist you with the following:

- Bookkeeping and Accounting Services
- Payroll and Payroll Taxes • W2s & 1099s
- Income Taxes:

Personal • LLC • Partnerships
Corporations • Electronic Filing

264-5330 • 191 Talisman Dr. #103 • FAX 264-4451

Attorney



Daniel L. Fiedler
Attorney at Law

Estate Planning • Wills • Trusts
Probate • Elder Law

970-507-8528

190 Talisman Drive, Suite D-6
next to Restoration Church, behind City Market

Storage & Office

Pagosa Springs Mini Storage

14th St. at 15th Place
behind Home Expo Center

Prices start
at \$25⁰⁰

Sizes available: 5'x5', 5'x10',
10'x10', 10'x15', 10'x20', and 10'x30'

For rental information call
Chris (970) 749-2867

Join our
Professional
Directory.
\$35 per week,
4 week minimum
with no changes to ad.
Call today!

FOOTBALL

Pirates lose by one to Centauri

By Clayton Chaney
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Pirate football team lost 21-20 in their match up against the Centauri Falcons last Friday, Sept. 6, in La Jara.

"We got ourselves in a hole early in the game and we had to fight our way out of it ... we gave [Centauri] momentum early and so we had to claw back out of a hole, so that's what made it tough," coach Nathan Morales said.

The Falcons went up by 14 early in the first quarter, scoring a rushing touchdown and from a pick-six thrown by Pirate quarterback Creede Dozier.

The Pirates were able to get on the board toward the end of the first quarter with a 49-yard rushing touchdown by Colton Lucero.

Morales mentioned that any time you give a team a 14-point lead early on in the game, it's always going to be a challenge.

When asked about motivating the team, Morales said, "I don't have to do anything. I think it's just in those kids. That's our culture — we just keep fighting."

He explained the Pirates don't focus on the score and "we go until the game's over."

The score remained 14-6 in favor of the Falcons until early in the fourth quarter when Lucero scored another rushing touchdown, this time for 25 yards.

The Pirates were then able to convert a two-point extra-point attempt with a run by Seth Ziegler, tying the game at 14-14.

The Falcons scored on their next possession and converted an extra-point attempt to retake the lead at 21-14.

The Pirates were then able to score on their following drive with a 21-yard pass from Dozier to Jaxten Schiel.

The Pirates chose to go for another two-point extra-point attempt that would've given them the lead, but failed, leaving the score at 21-20 in favor of the Falcons.

Morales mentioned the Pirates defense played well, highlighting Tommy Nigro's performance on the night.

Nigro and Zeigler each recorded a team high of seven tackles, with Nigro having three tackles for loss and



Photo courtesy Pagosa Springs High School

Colton Lucero breaks away from Centauri defenders during the Pirates game against the Falcons on Sept. 6. Lucero led the Pirates in rushing on the night with a total of 226 yards and two touchdowns.

Zeigler logging one tackle for a loss.

"I thought our defense played well as a whole," Morales said.

The Pirates logged a total of 40 tackles on the night and forced two turnovers.

Nigro recorded one fumble recovery and Schiel came away with one interception.

Morales also commented on the Pirates' offense, mentioning they missed a few opportunities early on in the game.

"I've got to do a better job of making sure we're all prepared for everything," he said, noting the Pirates will be working to capitalize on opportunities like that going forward.

Dozier ended the night with a total of 53 passing yards, completing five out of nine attempts with one touch-

down and one interception.

Dozier also logged a total of 48 rushing yards on 18 carries.

Ziegler had one rushing attempt for 1 yard.

Lucero carried the ball 24 times for a total of 226 yards and two touchdowns.

Schiel pulled in two receptions for a total of 30 yards and one touchdown. Ziegler also had two receptions for 23 yards and Lucero had one reception for 10 yards.

"Last week's loss I put on myself. The kids played well enough to win," Morales added, explaining the Pirates gave the Falcons some help. "That's my fault."

The Pirates are on their bye week this week, with their next game scheduled for Friday, Sept. 20, at 7

p.m. against Monte Vista at Golden Peaks Stadium.

It will be the Pirates' first home game of the year, and also the school's homecoming game.

Morales mentioned that the team is looking to "shore up early-season things," in preparation for their next match up.

"I think they're pretty focused on the task at hand," he said. "They got a bad taste in their mouth from last week, and I think they're hungry and ready to go."

clayton@pagosasun.com

SOCCER

Pirates earn second win of season

By Clayton Chaney
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Pirate boys' soccer team traveled to Aztec, N.M., on Saturday, Sept. 7, defeating the Aztec Tigers 5-0.

Coach Trevor Gian mentioned there were "a lot of good things" displayed by the Pirates in their win against the Tigers.

The Pirates went up 3-0 in the first half and logged two more goals in the second half, bringing the final score to 5-0.

The team tallied 23 total shots on goal, with Gavin Carter recording a hat trick.

Chance Ramirez and Christopher Young-Martinez each scored a goal as well.

Ryan Rich had two assists on the day, with Ryder King, Jacob Castaneda and Angelo Medina each recording one assist.

Gian noted the Pirates were able to generate "some really quality play there for a bit," explaining that a couple of the Pirates' goals came from "great through balls" that got in behind the Tigers' defense.

He also mentioned that some of the Pirates' other goals came as a result of some quality individual efforts.

"I think it was a mixed bag of that," Gian said.

Gian also gave credit to Aztec's goalkeeper, commenting that the Tiger goalie "had some really fantastic saves" and was in a good position a lot of the time.

"We could've put a lot more away," Gian said, explaining that the Pirates had numerous quality scoring chances.

"That was a little disappointing," Gian said, explaining that Aztec was able to stay in the game for a while with the Pirates unable to capitalize on all of their scoring chances.

"We can do better with that going forward, hopefully," Gian said. "Basically, at the end of the day, we gotta find a way to put those away."

Gian explained that the match was similar to the Pirates' game against

Montezuma-Cortez in that both teams battled hard and at times challenged the Pirates.

"We kind of left Aztec in it," he added.

The Pirates received two yellow cards during the Aztec match, with Ramirez and Jonathon Rodriguez each receiving a caution.

Gian explained the game had "a lot of life" and that the Pirates' yellow cards were a result of it being a tough physical matchup.

"The game did get physical," Gian added, noting that's just part of the game.

Official stats for Aztec were not available as of press time on Wednesday, but Pirate goalkeeper Young-Martinez recorded 13 saves on the day.

Young-Martinez was subbed out of goal in the last 10 minutes and moved to a forward position, in which he was able to notch the last goal for the Pirates.

Gian explained that he was hoping to get more players some experience and get them some playing time since there was no junior varsity-level game scheduled, but, unfortunately, the game was "a little tighter than I anticipated there."

He added, "Any time I can, I'll try to get those guys in."

He also mentioned the Pirates displayed some quality build-up play from the back and through the midfield, but that there are still some things the team needs to work on defensively.

Gian mentioned the Tigers were physical and had speed on their team, which gave the Pirates some problems.

"They did find a couple ways to break us down defensively," he said.

Gian explained the Pirates are still trying to find the right personnel groups and see where each player fits best positionally.

"A lot of those freshmen are going to start finding some time," Gian said.

He also mentioned the Pirates' communication with each other on the field is starting to improve.

"I've been pretty vocal myself and I need to kind of back off on some of that and let them find their voice, which I think is starting to click," he said.

Gian mentioned the team is full of quality players and that they just need to find a way to put it all together.

"We got some really, really quality players — a really good team," Gian added. "They found a way to win in a tough game."

The Pirates will be playing three games over the next week with a road trip to Denver on Friday, Sept. 13 to take on DSST: Montview at 4 p.m.

Then on Saturday, Sept. 14, the Pirates will be in Manitou Springs to take on the Mustangs at 11 a.m.

On Tuesday, Sept. 17, the Pirates will travel to Crested Butte to face off against the Titans at 4 p.m.

When asked about the team's fitness levels and if they'll be prepared for the three game stretch, Gian replied, "We're definitely gonna find out."

He noted that Manitou Springs and Crested Butte will both be quality opponents.

"I think Manitou is going to be very, very quality," he said. "It's gonna be tough."

Gian explained that he is not focused solely on the match results, but more so on improving and wanting to see the Pirates put in a solid effort with the "desire to try and get better," especially against quality teams.

clayton@pagosasun.com

Your
source for
community
news.

The Pagosa Springs SUN
970-264-2100

ROOFING

Standing Seam/Pro Panel Roofing, Roof Heating Ice Melt Systems, Roof Repair, Sheet Metal and Excavation Services

(970) 799-6278

42belowconstructioncompany@gmail.com



Local and Proudly Serving
Pagosa Springs for seven years
91 Stevens Lake Rd., Pagosa Springs

ROAD MAINTENANCE

Driveways • Ponds • Underground Utilities • Clean Up
Dozer Work • Land Leveling • Foundations

NEXT GEN
EXCAVATION

20+ years local
experience

Michael Preuit | Cell:(970) 946-7303

Bonded &
Insured



NEW CHINA

NOW!
Buy 10 Lunch Buffets,
get one FREE

Beginning October 1,
we will start serving Dinner Buffet
4-8:30 p.m.

Dinner Buffet food will be different from Lunch Buffet

Buy 10 Dinner Buffets,
get one FREE

open 7 days a week • 11 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.
970-731-3161

565 Village Dr #F • Pagosa Springs
www.NewChinaPagosa.com

We'd love to be your propane supplier

Local. Knowledgeable.

Dependable & Reliable

Independently Owned and Operated

Best in Customer Service

Proven Safety Record

Over 150 Years Combined Experience



Benefits of propane:

Environmentally friendly, non-toxic, efficient,
clean burning, less greenhouse emissions

Call us today!



Arrowhead Propane, Inc.

970-582-3225

arrowheadpropaneco.com

We built our business on Excellence & Customer Service
Give us a call and experience the difference.



Photo courtesy Janine Emmets

Sophomores Justin Sewell (right) and Van Halterman make their way down the corkscrew at the end of the course at the Haymaker Classic in Eagle on Sept. 7.

DUST2 team takes sixth at Haymaker Classic

By Adelyn Hittle
DUST2

To continue the exciting race season, the Pagosa DUST2 high school mountain biking team attended the second race of the season in Eagle, Colo., (6,683 feet elevation) at the Haymaker Classic last Saturday.

The course consists of a 6-mile counterclockwise loop with 600 feet of elevation gain. The loop continually switches between winding uphill and crossing rough dusty fields, with fun rock rollers and bridges spread throughout. Once riders crested the last hill, they were shot into an exhilarating large slalom downhill that spectators could view from the finish line. With very hot and dusty conditions, the riders made sure to hydrate well and tried to stay cool.

DUST2 had 13 riders compete in

the Eagle race.

The sophomore boys' division started the day, racing two laps with 72 competitors. With six DUST2 riders, this was the team's largest division. Pushing off at 8:30 a.m. with great conditions, Jackson Chaney came in first for the team in the 16th position with a time of 58 minutes. Next to finish was Van Halterman in 36th position with a time of 1:03. Shortly after Halterman, Justin Sewell rolled in at 39th position with a time of 1:03. After some mechanical difficulties, Aaron Sowle was next to come in with a time of 1:04 in 44th position. Despite mechanical difficulties at the start and a five-minute penalty, Eric Smith made up time to finish in 59th with a time of 1:11. Rounding out the sophomore boys, Heath Leentjes finished with a time of 1:19 to place 65th.

Racing at 9:55 a.m., the JV boys

were next to start, with two DUST2 riders competing.

As the race wore on, it was starting to heat up, so racers tried to cool off one lap through by dumping water on themselves. Crossing the finish line first for the team was Weston Phillips, junior, in 16th position with a time of 55 minutes. Phillips earned 430 points for the team. James Jolley, senior, came in next for the team with a time of 1:09 with a finish of 74th out of 102 racers. Jolley gained 15 spots from his starting position in this race.

The next race was varsity girls, racing three laps in the growing heat. DUST2's only varsity rider, Rylie Carr, senior, started at 11:20 a.m. Carr raced three consistent laps and finished in 16th position with a time of 1:42. Carr contributed 465 points to the team.

The last races of the day, during peak heat, were the JV girls at 1 p.m.

and freshman girls at 1:10 p.m., with four DUST2 racers.

Racing two laps, Adelyn Hittle, ■ See DUST2 on A13

Volleyball

Continued from A10
and giving their all to the team.

Cadence Kerns had a total of eight blocks, two solo and six assisted, the coach pointed out, noting she did a great job and worked really hard to get all over the place.

The team had 10 total blocks.

Pitcher led the team in serve receptions with 30.

"It was nice to get our first win of

the season at home," Lorenzen said.

The Lady Pirates will have three games over the next week, beginning with an away matchup against Del Norte at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 12.

The Tigers are 7-0 on the season.

At 1 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 14, the Lady Pirates will welcome the Montezuma-Cortez Panthers for a league matchup.

The Panthers are 6-6 on the season and 1-0 in league play, while the Lady Pirates are 0-1 in league action.

On Tuesday, Sept. 17, the team will again hit the road, this time to take on the Bayfield Wolverines at 6 p.m.

The Wolverines are 3-5 on the season and 0-1 in league play.

Lorenzen noted the Lady Pirates are looking forward to getting "better and better."

Precision Autobody & Collision
Pagosa's premier collision repair facility

We work with all major insurance companies

Our professional staff will take care of your vehicle repair needs!

Deer & Elk strikes, Fender Benders, Dents, Dings, Hail Damage, Expert Color Matching & Windshields. We do it all!

Precision Autobody & Collision (970) 731-3111
667 Cloman Blvd. Pagosa Springs CO 81147

Clip 'n Save 10% OFF Wines & Liquors
OFF 750ML & 1.75L BOTTLES NON-SALE ITEMS ONLY. NO BEER.

Beer of the Month
Telluride Brewing 6 packs
\$1.00 OFF
offer ends 9/30/24

Spirit of the Month
Bacardi Rum
1.75L
\$3.00 OFF
offer ends 9/30/24

Wine of the Month
Meiomi Wines
750 ml
\$4.00 OFF
offer ends 9/30/24

970-264-2749
M-SAT 9AM TO MIDNIGHT
SUNDAY 9AM TO 10 PM
Next to River Center - Hwy. 160 - East Pagosa Springs

SILVER DOLLAR LIQUORS

Taste the Difference

Grass finished beef
Grass finished lamb
Organic free range chicken
All natural & pasture pork
All natural duck

Get 10% off your first order!
Just enter **SUN10** at checkout.

Open Tue-Fri at our warehouse — 140 Seminole Unit 8
Saturdays at the Farmer's Market — Tennyson Sculpture Park & Garden
Every day at Pagosa Baking Company
Every day at The Choke Cherry Tree — 3505 W Hwy 160
Online at www.grassrootsmeats.com • 970-946-5657

Shop us!

TUESDAY 10.08.24

Elizabeth SMART

PAGOSA CENTER FOR THE ARTS
12 - 1 PM
LUNCHEON
TICKETS - \$35

THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
MAKING A DIFFERENCE
SPEAKER SERIES

TICKET INFO:
www.swcommunityfoundation.org

Public Notices

District Court
Archuleta County, Colorado
Case Address: 109 Harman Park Dr.
Pagosa Springs, Co 81147
In the Matter of the Estate of:
Sally Faye Hovatter,
Deceased.
Case Number: 2024PR30050
NOTICE TO PROBATE AND NOTICE OF ANCILLARY PROBATE AND APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN SAID ESTATE: You are hereby notified that on the 21st day of August, 2024, the estate of the above named decedent was admitted to ancillary probate by the above named court, and that Jill Montreuil, of Estherville, Iowa was appointed as the domiciliary foreign personal representative (Administrator) of the decedent's Colorado estate. Notice is further given that all persons indebted to the decedent or to her estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned.

You are hereby further notified that all persons having claims against the above-named estate are required to present them to the undersigned or to the District Court of Archuleta County, Colorado, on or before: **October 17, 2024** or said claims may be forever barred. DATED: This 28th day of August, 2024. Personal Representative Jill Montreuil, by and through Adelaide P. Myers P.O. Box 1309 Saratoga, Wyoming 82531 Published September 5, 12, 19, 2024 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*. (245087)

The Estate of Larry Webb
Case No 68211 08
To: Philip Webb
Last Known Address: P.O. Box 1794, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147
Bevan & Associates has filed an Application to Approve Settlement and Distribution of Wrongful Death and Survival Claims in Lorain County Probate Court. A hearing will be held on the Application, October 1, 2024, at 8:00 o'clock a.m. in the Wayne County Probate Court, 107 West Liberty Street, Wooster, Ohio, 44691. Published August 29 and September 5 & 12, 2024 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*. (244459)

DISTRICT COURT, WATER DIVISION 7, COLORADO WATER RESUME
(This publication can be viewed in its entirety on the state court website at: www.courts.state.co.us.)
TO: ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN WATER APPLICATIONS IN SAID WATER DIVISION NO. 7 Pursuant to C.R.S. 37-92-302, you are notified that the following is the resume of all water right applications filed in the Office of the Water Clerk during the month of August 2024, for Archuleta County.

Bruss and Moshdeh B. Bruss c/o Kimberly C. Perdue, Southwest Water and Property Law LLC, 679 E. 2nd Ave. Unit 10, Durango, CO 81301; (970) 422-5510; kperdue@swpropertylaw.com. 2. Structure: a. Bruss Pond 1, i. In the SE 1/4 of Section 19, Township 35 North, Range 1 West, N.M.P.M. UTM Coordinates: 13 S, 323669 m E, 4125012 m N; ii. Source: Wastewater from a terminal lateral of the Park Ditch; iii. Appropriation date: July 1, 2018; iv. Amount: 0.25 cfs, conditional; v. Use: Irrigation, livestock watering, pond filling, and fire suppression; 2b. Bruss Lot 7 Wastewater Diversion No. 1; i. In the SE 1/4 of Section 19, Township 35 North, Range 1 West, N.M.P.M. UTM Coordinates: 13 S, 324212 m E, 4125129 m N; ii. Source: Wastewater from a terminal lateral of the Park Ditch; iii. Appropriation date: July 1, 2018; iv. Amount: 1.4 acre feet, absolute; v. Use: Irrigation, livestock watering, pond filling, and fire suppression; 2c. Bruss Pond 2; i. In the SE 1/4 of Section 19, Township 35 North, Range 1 West, N.M.P.M. UTM Coordinates: 13 S, 324212 m E, 4125129 m N; ii. Source: Wastewater from a terminal lateral of the Park Ditch; iii. Appropriation date: July 1, 2018; iv. Amount: 0.3 cfs, conditional; v. Uses: Irrigation, livestock watering, pond filling, and fire suppression; 2e. Bruss Pond 3; i. In the SE 1/4 of Section 19, Township 35 North, Range 1 West, N.M.P.M. UTM Coordinates: 13 S, 324212 m E, 4125129 m N; ii. Source: Wastewater from a terminal lateral of the Park Ditch; iii. Appropriation date: September 5, 2018; iv. Amount: 3.0 acre feet, conditional; v. Use: Irrigation, livestock watering, pond filling, and fire suppression; 2f. Bruss Lot 5 Wastewater Diversion No. 3; i. In the SE 1/4 of Section 19, Township 35 North, Range 1 West, N.M.P.M. UTM Coordinates: 13 S, 324212 m E, 4125129 m N; ii. Source: Wastewater from a terminal lateral of the Park Ditch; iii. Appropriation date: September 5, 2018; iv. Amount: 0.75 cfs, conditional; v. Use: Irrigation, livestock watering, pond filling, and fire suppression. 3. Applicant is the owner of the land upon which these structures are located. See map filed with application. (6 pages including exhibits) THE WATER RIGHTS CLAIMED BY THE FOREGOING APPLICATION(S) MAY AFFECT IN PRIORITY ANY WATER RIGHTS CLAIMED OR HERETOFORE ADJUDICATED WITHIN THIS DIVISION AND OWNERS OF AFFECTED RIGHTS MUST APPEAR TO OBJECT AND PROTEST WITHIN THE TIME PROVIDED BY STATUTE, OR BE FOREVER BARRED. YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT YOU HAVE until the last day of October 2024, to file with the Water Clerk, a verified Statement of Opposition, setting forth facts as to why a certain application should not be granted or why it should be granted only in part or on certain conditions. A copy of such Statement of Opposition must also be served upon the applicant or the applicant's attorney and an affidavit or certificate of such

service shall be filed with the Water Clerk, as prescribed by Rule 5, CRCP. (Filing fee: \$192.00; Forms are available through the Office of the Water Clerk or on the Judicial web site at www.courts.state.co.us.) Jason Poyer, Water Court Specialist, 1060 E. 2nd Ave., Room 106, Durango, CO 81301; 970-247-2304 (/s/ Jason Poyer Water Court Specialist Published: before September 30, 2024 Published September 12, 2024 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*. (245685)

DISTRICT COURT, WATER DIVISION 7, COLORADO WATER RESUME
(This publication can be viewed in its entirety on the state court website at: www.courts.state.co.us.)
TO: ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN WATER APPLICATIONS IN SAID WATER DIVISION NO. 7 Pursuant to C.R.S. 37-92-302, you are notified that the following is the resume of all water right applications filed in the Office of the Water Clerk during the month of August 2024, for Archuleta County.

2024CW3028 ARCHULETA COUNTY, WATER DISTRICT NO. 78: 1) Applicants: Alan and Barbara Sackman, 13214 West Highway 160, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147. **2) Attorneys:** Adam T. Reeves and Lindsey A. Ratcliff, Maynes, Bradford, Shipp & Sheffel, LLP, 835 E. Second Avenue, Suite 123, Durango, CO 81302. **3) Type of Application:** Application Conditional Underground Water Right, To Make Storage Right Absolute, and Plan for Augmentation. **4) Applicants request entry of a decree for the following conditional underground water right:** Original Decree: Case No. 09CW16, District Court, Water Division 7, entered December 7, 2011 ("09CW16 Decree"). Legal Description: SW1/4 SE1/4 SW 1/4 Section 5, T34N, R3W, NMPM, 435 feet from South section line and 1429 feet from West Section lines. UTM Coordinates: E0301857, N4123692 (Applicants have applied for a well permit to replace Barb's Well at a location 50 feet northeast of the original location. Applicants will specify the exact location in the decree.) Source: Devil Creek, tributary to the Piedra and San Juan Rivers; Uses: Commercial for 18-seat restaurant. Amount: 50 gpm, not exceed 15 AF/yr, conditional. Permits: Permit No. 77059-F. Applicants will apply for a well permit to replace Barb's Well and have submitted a well application to change the permitted uses to include commercial use in the 18-seat restaurant. **5) Applicants request entry of a decree making absolute the conditional portions of the following storage water right:** Original Decree: Case No. 88CW63, District Court, Water Division 7, entered July 6, 1989 ("88CW63 Decree"). Subsequent Decrees: Case No. 88CW64, District Court, Water Division 7, entered July 6, 1989 ("88CW64 Decree"); Case No. 02CW46, District Court, Water Division 7, entered December 11, 2002 ("02CW46 Decree"); 09CW16 Decree. Legal Description: Pond: SW1/4 Section 5, T34N, R3W, N.M.P.M. Dam: SW1/4 NE1/4 SW1/4 and NW1/4 SE1/4 SW1/4 Section 5, T34N, R3W, N.M.P.M. Feeder Ditch: POD is at a point N1° 40' 38" W a distance of 1,500.33' from the SW corner of Section 5, T34N, R3W, NMPM;

thence N 88° 19' 22" E, a distance of 1,463.56' to the headgate of the diversion ditch. Water is then conveyed through a 24" CMP S 7° 54' 37" E a distance of 222.50' to the Keyah Grande Pond #2. Source: Devil Creek, tributary to the Piedra and San Juan Rivers. Uses: Fishery and recreation in 88CW63 Decree and 88CW64 Decree; and augmentation, exchange, and fire fighting in 02CW46 Decree. Appropriation Dates: (a) July 1, 1986, for recreation and fishery uses in 88CW63 Decree; (b) June 1, 1935, for recreation and fishery uses (changed from Radcliff Devil Creek Ditch) in 88CW64 Decree; (c) October 2001, for augmentation, firefighting, and irrigation in 02CW46 Decree. Amount: 14 AF, absolute, for recreation and fishery uses in 88CW63 Decree and for recreation and fishery uses (changed from Radcliff Devil Creek Ditch) in 88CW64 Decree; 14 AF conditional, for augmentation, firefighting, and irrigation in 02CW46 Decree. This application seeks to make absolute all remaining conditional portions of the Keyah Grande Pond #2 in accordance with C.R.S. § 37-92-301(e) ("A decreed conditional water storage right shall be made absolute for all decreed purposes to the extent of the volume of the appropriation that has been captured, possessed, and controlled at the decreed storage structure.") Surface Area: Approximately 2.36 acres. **6) Applicants request entry of a decree approving the following Plan for Augmentation:** Structure to be Augmented: Barb's Well. Structure to be used for Augmentation: Keyah Grande Pond #2. **Statement of Plan for Augmentation:** Applicants' augmentation plans in the 02CW46 and 09CW16 Decrees currently provide replacement water for depletions from Barb's Well to Devil Creek for the water uses associated with lawn and garden irrigation, hot tub evaporation, livestock, home and lodge use, and barn and shops use. The Applicants now seek approval of a supplemental augmentation plan to replace out-of-priority depletions from Barb's Well associated with an 18-seat restaurant in an existing lodge located on the Keyah Grande Ranch. All out-of-priority depletions from Barb's 2 Well will be replaced in time, location, and amount by releases from the Keyah Grande Pond #2 to Devil Creek during periods of valid, senior calls entitled to such water. Accordingly, this Plan for Augmentation will allow the Applicants to divert from Barb's Well year-round for the restaurant uses. **Augmentation Plan, Hydrologic Analysis, and Assumptions:** Out-of-priority depletions and augmentation release requirements are calculated based on conservative calculations of water demands for Applicants' 18-seat restaurant described as follows and detailed in the tables described in Exhibit A: (a) Project demands are shown in Table 1 of Exhibit A. The existing total annual water demand, as calculated in the 02CW46 and 09CW16 Decrees, for the lawn and garden irrigation, hot tub evaporation, livestock, home and lodge use, and barn and shops uses is 5.17 acre-feet. With the addition of the restaurant's 1.01 acre-foot demand, the proposed total annual demand is 6.18 acre-feet. Restaurant demands are calculated using the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment's Regulation 43 (5CCR 1002-43, Table 6-2), which estimates 50 gallons per day per seat; (b) Project

Out-of-Priority Depletions are shown in Table 2 of Exhibit A. The 02CW46 and 09CW16 Decrees determined that depletion from Barb's Well occurred instantaneously to Devil Creek for uses associated with lawn and garden irrigation consumptive use, hot tub evaporation, livestock usage, and drinking and sanitary uses at the home, lodge, barn, and shops. The existing total annual out-of-priority depletion associated with these uses is 1.32 acre-feet. For the augmentation plan requested herein, a Glover Analysis was conducted for Barb's Well at its new (replacement) location and found that 95% of depletions occur within 2 months of pumping. With the addition of the 18-seat restaurant at 0.09 acre-feet of annual depletion, the total annual depletion is 1.41 acre-feet. The wastewater from the restaurant will be treated by existing onsite wastewater treatment systems ("OWTS") located in the fields tributary to the Devil Creek drainage. The consumptive use for OWTS was estimated at 15%, and a call period of April 1st to October 31st was utilized; (c) The monthly water balance is depicted in Table 3 of Exhibit A, which considers the well's delayed impacts, return flows, designated call period, evaporation from Keyah Grande Pond #2, and monthly storage availability. As shown in Column 9 of Table 3, Keyah Grande Pond #2 contains sufficient augmentation water to replace all out-of-priority depletions associated with the uses in the 02CW46 and 09CW16 Decrees in addition to the new depletions associated with the 18-seat restaurant. **Operation of the Plan for Augmentation:** Applicants propose this Plan for Augmentation designed to ensure the continuous diversion and use of water from Barb's Well to the extent that there may be future calls by senior water rights. Applicants will pump from Barb's Well when water is available in priority. During periods of administration on Devil Creek in response to a valid senior call, the following protocols shall apply: Monthly augmentation releases under this Plan for Augmentation shall be calculated as provided in Exhibit A for the pro rata portion of any month in which a senior call is active based on actual, measured diversions from Barb's Well; To augment the out-of-priority depletions that occur on Devil Creek, the Applicants will release water to Devil Creek from Keyah Grande Pond #2, consistent with the 02CW46 and 09CW16 Decrees. Up to 1.414 acre-feet of augmentation water will be released from Keyah Grande Pond #2 through its outlet pipe. The augmentation release amounts shall be released on a schedule determined by the Division Engineer. **7) Land Ownership:** Applicants own the land upon which all structures applied for herein are or will be constructed. (9 pages including exhibits)

facts as to why a certain application should not be granted or why it should be granted only in part or on certain conditions. A copy of such Statement of Opposition must also be served upon the applicant or the applicant's attorney, and an affidavit or certificate of such service shall be filed with the Water Clerk, as prescribed by Rule 5, CRCP. (Filing fee: \$192.00; Forms are available through the Office of the Water Clerk or on the Judicial web site at www.courts.state.co.us.) Jason Poyer, Water Court Specialist, 1060 E. 2nd Ave., Room 106, Durango, CO 81301; 970-247-2304 (/s/ Jason Poyer Water Court Specialist Published: before September 30, 2024 Published September 12, 2024 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*. (245678)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS BY PUBLICATION PURSUANT TO § 15-12-801, C.R.S.
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Estate of Eugene Martinez Jr., aka Gene Martinez
Case Number 2024 PR 30051
All persons having claims against the above-named estate are required to present them to the personal representative or to the District Court of Archuleta County, Colorado on or before **January 5, 2025**, or the claims may be forever barred. Daniel L. Fiedler, Attorney at Law 190 Talisman Drive, Suite D-6 Pagosa Springs, CO 81147 Published September 5, 12, 19, 2024 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*. (245119)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS BY PUBLICATION PURSUANT TO § 15-12-801, C.R.S.
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Estate of Jani Candelaria, AKA Jani Louise Candelaria, Deceased
Case Number 2024PR30052
All persons having claims against the above named estate are required to present them to the personal representative or to the District Court of Archuleta County, Colorado on or before **January 12, 2025**, or the claims may be forever barred. Keltcie Candelaria P.O. Box 1882 Arboles, CO 81121 Published September 12, 19, and 26 2024 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*. (245744)

The following customers have a past due account with Mountain View Mini Storage, 146 Frontier Avenue, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147. Your storage units will be auctioned off if I am not contacted by you or receive immediate payment. I am willing to set up a payment plan. (970) 264-4476. Cadence Green, Brandon Thames, Jorge Jurado, Tammy Turner. Published September 12 and 19, 2024 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*. (245713)

Parks and rec board discusses Conservation Trust Fund

By Clayton Chaney
Staff Writer

At a Sept. 5 meeting, the Combined Parks and Recreation Advisory Board discussed multiple upcoming projects that both the Town of Pagosa Springs and Archuleta County are planning to fund through their Conservation Trust Fund accounts.

Pagosa Springs Parks and Recreation Director Darren Lewis explained that the town council has approved \$20,000 from Conservation Trust Fund funds to go toward the addition of two bronze sheep statues to be placed with the new Weeminuche Meadow sheep herder statue.

He noted that the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) approved \$10,300 from its Conservation Trust Fund for that project as well.

Lewis mentioned the Pagosa Springs Arts Council is raising money for a third bronze sheep statue to be added as well.

Lewis also explained that the town and county have both approved \$25,000 for the construction of a bike skills park at Yamaguchi Park South.

"So, that's exciting," Lewis said.

He went on to mention the east gateway river park project intended to create additional boater access on the San Juan River near the junction of U.S. 84 and U.S. 160.

On Sept. 3, the Pagosa Springs Town Council approved a motion directing staff to enter into negotiations for the purchase of about four acres of property located at 1040 E. U.S. 160.

Lewis explained that in order to purchase the property, the town is going after a Colorado Outdoors (GOCO) grant in the amount of \$420,000 that needs "some type of match."

He noted that the town's 2025

proposed budget includes a \$50,000 match from the town's Conservation Trust Fund.

"This is going to help with the purchase price of the property," Lewis said.

At a work session held by the BoCC on Aug. 27, Pagosa Springs Project Manager David Hilborn requested \$30,000 from the county's Conservation Trust Fund to go toward the match needed for the GOCO grant.

Hilborn indicated the town is also going after funds available through the Land and Water Conservation Fund to help with the project.

During the work session, commissioner Ronnie Maez expressed support for the project, saying, "In my mind I don't think this is an opportunity we should pass up."

Commissioner Warren Brown also expressed support for the project.

"I think this is a program we should support," he said.

Hilborn indicated the county could wait until 2025 to approve the \$30,000 request from the Conservation Trust Fund.

During a regular meeting on Sept. 3, the BoCC approved a letter of support for the project.

During the parks and recreation board meeting on Sept. 5, Lewis indicated the purchase price of the property is \$745,000.

During the same meeting, the parks and recreation board also unanimously approved a letter of support for the project.

Board member Jenny Highum asked what the current balance is for the town's Conservation Trust Fund.

Lewis explained that the town generally receives approximately \$20,000 from the state annually dedicated to the Conservation Trust Fund, and the county usually receives

about \$100,000.

The county then gives \$60,000 of that to the town "to help the town and support recreation because of the amount of parks that the town has."

Lewis noted that the town's balance after approving funds for projects this year is at about \$46,000.

He went on to explain that if everything is approved, including the east gateway river park project, "we'll spend \$179,500," between the town and county combined.

"That's going to leave a minimal balance with the town," Lewis said.

He noted that Conservation Trust Fund funds are only allowed to be used for park projects.

Lewis also mentioned he has never budgeted to drain the entire Conservation Trust Fund, "which is basically what's going to occur for 2025."

Lewis noted that given what the town has to spend on capital improvement projects, "I'm really trying to do as much as I possibly can with the funds out of Conservation Trust for 2025."

He added that in 2026 the fund we'll be replenished with \$80,000.

"So, it goes up pretty quick," he said.

Lewis explained that if the town does not receive the GOCO grant then the \$50,000 will not be drained from the fund and could be used on a different project.

"If everything works out, which I hope it does, we'll only have a few thousand dollars in Conservation Trust leftover, but there will be a lot of things that have gotten accomplished with that money for next year," Lewis said.

The board also unanimously approved a letter of support for the multipurpose pavilion project at Yamaguchi Park South.



PAGOSA SPRINGS APPLIANCE REPAIR LLC
45 YEARS EXPERIENCE
LICENSED AND INSURED
Olen McCasland
970-585-4977

pagosaspringsappliance@gmail.com



FULL REMODELS | TRIM | CABINETS
CLOSETS | KITCHENS | ENTRYWAYS
GENERAL CONTRACTING

32 years experience, insured, references available upon request
FREE QUOTES, SENIOR DISCOUNT
(970) 209-8960 INTEGRATREE.COM

PROFESSIONAL AUTOMOTIVE DETAILING

- Interior/Exterior Auto Detailing
- Certified Ceramic Coating Specialist
- Carpet and Seat Shampooing
- Paint Correction
- Monthly Maintenance Detailing

Not only clean your vehicle but protect your investment. **Call 970-699-2872**

Artisan Auto
artisanautopdr.com

DUST2

Continued from A12
sophomore, came in third with a time of 1:02. Hittle contributed 521 points to the team. Next to cross the finish line was Sophia Alexander, sophomore, in seventh position with a time of 1:04. Alexander raced with a cast on

her right wrist and earned 488 points for the team. Riding in shortly after, Kaylee Hensle, junior, came in with a time of 1:17 to place 14th. Hensle contributed 442 points to the team.

Starting 10 minutes after the JV girls, the freshman girls began their

race in their first mass start. DUST2's only freshman girl, Gianna Shaeffer, came in 10th with a time of 1:14 and added 427 points to the team.

DUST2 finished another amazing day of racing with 4,080 overall team points, placing sixth in their division.

Everyone on the team had a fantastic race, even through the heat, dust, and mechanical difficulties.

All of the DUST2 riders are excited to attend the third race of the season in Colorado Springs at the Lazy B Ranch Rally on Sept. 22.

Public Meetings

The following meetings are subject to change.

Thursday, Sept. 12

Executive Management Board of Archuleta County Emergency Communications Services meeting. 9:30 a.m., Archuleta County Sheriff's Office. Virtual access for the public is available at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7186713647>, Zoom meeting ID 7186713647. For more information, visit <http://archuletacounty.org/agendacenter>.

Main Street Advisory Board work session. 4 p.m., Pagosa Springs Visitor Center, 105 Hot Springs Blvd. For more information, visit <https://pagosasprings.civicweb.net/portal/>.

Pagosa Springs board and commissions training. 5 p.m., Town Hall, 551 Hot Springs Blvd. See town website for participation information: <https://pagosasprings.civicweb.net/portal/>.

Monday, Sept. 16
San Juan Water Conservancy District Special meeting. 4 p.m., 46 Eaton Drive, Suite 5. Visit <https://www.sjwcd.org/> for Zoom option.

Tuesday, Sept. 17
Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners work session. 8:30 a.m., Archuleta County administration building, commissioners'


meeting room, 398 Lewis St. View Zoom meeting at: <https://zoom.us/j/91609048375?pwd=d1FFV0J1cGVKa1NHWHFsa2taeGxtZz09>, meeting ID: 916 0904 8375, passcode: 4141885. For more information, visit <http://archuletacounty.org/agendacenter>.

Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners meeting. 1:30 p.m., Archuleta County administration building, commissioners' meeting room, 398 Lewis St. View Zoom meeting at: <https://zoom.us/j/91609048375?pwd=d1FFV0J1cGVKa1NHWHFsa2taeGxtZz09>, meeting ID: 916 0904 8375, passcode: 4141885. For more information, visit <http://archuletacounty.org/agendacenter>.

Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners/Pagosa Springs Town Council joint work session. 5 p.m., Archuleta County administration building, commissioners' meeting room, 398 Lewis St. For more information, visit <http://archuletacounty.org/agendacenter> or <https://pagosasprings.civicweb.net/portal/>.

Established 1909.
The Pagosa Springs SUN
970-264-2100

Re-elect Warren Brown
County Commissioner District 1




As your District 1 County Commissioner, I have focused on improving our quality of life through limiting risks we face in seeking out basic services, improving our ability to secure food for ourselves and supporting educational funding opportunities to teach our school age children and provide new skills and improved skill sets to many in our workforce.

I understand that relationships matter! For the last four years I have consistently and continually reached out to work with you, our community members, our local and regional elected officials, our State Senators, our House of Representative members and our Congressional Representatives and United States Senators without regard to political affiliation so we can serve you to the best of our collective ability.

As a former small business owner, I am all too familiar with the daily challenges our business community faces, to include employee hiring and retention and paying competitive wages and benefits. As someone who has purchased a home in our community, I understand many of the barriers faced by homebuyers. That is why championing attainable housing, whether it is through our Community Development Corporation or Habitat for Humanity just makes sense. **Teamwork among public and private entities** can make a dent in the housing challenge we face.

Lastly, I have worked tirelessly to **keep every campaign promise I made to you**. In doing so, it is my wish that my political legacy will have been to raise your expectations of what a county commissioner should be. I hope that we collectively demand that future commissioners commit to making this responsibility a full-time job and that we insist on having accountable commissioners who are genuinely interested in **faithfully serving you** the citizens of our wonderful county.

I am Warren Brown; it has been my honor serving you.
I hope to continue to have this privilege, and I am asking you for your vote in the General Election, Tuesday November 5, 2024.



Facebook: Committee to Re-Elect Warren Brown • <https://www.electwarrenbrown.com>
Instagram.com/electwarrenbrown • email: info@electwarrenbrown.com

Paid for by Committee to Re-Elect Warren Brown
Archuleta County Commissioner District 1. Warren Brown Registered Agent.

Eat. Drink. gather

try our
Prime Steaks, Seafood, Pastas
Subs, Wraps & Salads
Homemade Key Lime Pie

City Hall CAFE & GRILLE

Eat In or Take Out • Open Tue-Sat • 11 am-9 pm
Call Today to Reserve Our Private Gondola 970.398.2409

2151 Eagle Drive | cityhallcafe.co | 970.398.2409

GRAND OPENING



Friday, Sept. 27 • 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.
NEW LOCATION! 391 Bastille Drive

WEEKEND SPECIAL
Pick up your equipment between noon and 5 p.m. Friday, return Monday by 9 a.m. for a **1-day charge!**
(Hour metered machines allowed 8 hours)

10% OFF First Rental
at our **NEW LOCATION!**

Free Food & Drinks

Enter your name into our drawing for a chance to win a FREE Grill, or a camping chair with a matching cooler!

391 Bastille Drive • (970) 731-4410

Outdoors



Photos courtesy Pagosa Area Trails Council

The Pagosa Ranger District of the San Juan National Forest's trail crew, in partnership with the Pagosa Area Trails Councils, many other volunteer groups and youth trail crews, have been able to clear 95 percent to 100 percent of the district's trails in each of the last five years.

Pagosa area trails cleared of downfall

By Bob Milford
Pagosa Area Trails Council

The Pagosa Ranger District of the San Juan National Forest's trail crew, in partnership with the Pagosa Area Trails Councils (PATC), many other volunteer groups and youth trail crews, have been able to clear 95 percent to 100 percent of the district's trails in each of the last five years.

Our goal when the "Clear the Trails" campaign started in 2019 was to get all Pagosa area trails cleared of the spruce beetle-killed trees that had been falling on our local trails at an epidemic rate. This goal of clearing 100 percent of the trails was achieved much sooner than originally planned.

The work of clearing and performing much-needed trail maintenance was accomplished by the Pagosa Ranger District trail crew, the Southwest Conservation Corps, American Conservation Experience, and by members of local user groups such as San Juan Outdoor Club, San Juan Back Country Horsemen, DUST2, Pagosa Trail Riders, Phantom Trail Clearers and local outfitters, who contributed thousands of hours of volunteer labor.

Many of these trails are located in the Weminuche and South San Juan wildernesses, where cross-cut saws must be used instead of chain saws

per the Wilderness Act of 1964.

The Pagosa Ranger District has 469 miles of summer trails, with 175 miles located in designated wilderness areas. Between 2019 and 2024, more than 30,000 trees were cleared from district trails.

Unfortunately, standing dead and weakened green trees continue to fall each year on the trails and likely will continue to do so into the foreseeable future, with more than 5,000 downed trees needing clearing from trails annually. Our goal is to continue to keep these trails clear and safe each year.

The Pagosa Ranger District and PATC have jointly applied for and were awarded Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) State Trail maintenance grants in 2019 and 2022.

Over \$500,000 has been raised for the "Clear the Trails" campaign to hire trail crews and equipment.

These funds came from CPW State Trails grants and the cash matching portions were raised from local nonprofits, individuals, local government, businesses and local outfitters.

The grants and funds raised were critical to the successes realized thus far, without which we could not have come close to achieving our shared goals.

The Pagosa Ranger District and PATC are again in the process of ap-

plying for a 2025 CPW State Trails grant for \$200,000 to continue trail clearing and maintenance.

The PATC's goal is to provide a cash match of \$100,000. This will provide \$300,000 to meet our trail clearing and maintenance needs over the next three years.

Additionally, a Conservation Fund has been established through a partnership between the Wolf Creek Ski Area and the National Forest Foundation (NFF), where local season ticket holders can donate \$5 that is matched by 50 percent by the NFF to be used for local forest conservation programs such as clearing dead trees on our national forest trails.

The PATC has set up a website for information on local trails at pagosatrails.org. It provides detailed trail descriptions with pictures and maps of trails in our area, plus current trail conditions, tips on Leave No Trace ethics and other helpful information. It also contains details on the "Clear the Trails" campaign and how you can help assist with the cause.

We invite you to check the website out and join us in our efforts to keep our local trails clear and safe, as well as conserve our local natural resources and wildlife, which are so important to our community and visitors alike.

New website launched for Southwest Colorado Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration Program

By Lorena Williams
U.S. Forest Service

The San Juan National Forest is pleased to announce the launching of a new website to provide information about its Southwest Colorado Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration Program (CFLRP).

The website, <https://swcoforests.org>, includes information about CFLRP-related projects and success stories, as well as resources ranging from partner information to wildfire preparedness.

The website was developed by a group of partners representing the CFLRP Communications Committee, led by chairperson Paulette Church.

"This website is a hub of information about forest restoration work from Dolores to Pagosa Springs," said Church. "It invites residents to reach

out to dozens of partners to help with their missions. It's about our valuable trees and much more; the CFLRP will improve wildlife habitat, water quality, recreational use of our forest, the economic stability of our businesses and the means to protect us all from mega fires."

The purpose of the congressionally established Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration Program is to encourage the collaborative, science-based ecosystem restoration of priority forest landscapes. The Southwest CFLRP includes a diverse group of stakeholders working together to carry out a shared vision of ecological restoration.

"We're excited to launch this public portal to share and highlight the important natural resource work taking place in the CFLRP landscape in Southwest Colorado" said Dave Neely, forest supervisor on the San

Juan National Forest. "It's yet another example of the strong collaborative spirit that underpins all our shared efforts, and we thank the Communications Committee for their dedication and service."

For more information, please contact Shared Stewardship Communications Specialist Lorena Williams at Lorena.williams@usda.gov or (970) 422-2939.

For information on the San Juan National Forest, call (970) 247-4874 or visit the forest website.

Your source for
community news.

The Pagosa Springs SUN
970-264-2100

HUD
Publisher's Notice



EQUAL HOUSING
OPPORTUNITY

All real estate advertising in this newspaper is subject to the Fair Housing act which makes it illegal to advertise "any preference limitation or discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status, or national origin, or an intention, to make such preference, limitation or discrimination." Familial status includes children under the age of 18 living with parents or legal custodians, pregnant women and people securing custody of children under 18.

This newspaper will not knowingly accept any advertising for real estate which is in violation of the law. Our readers are hereby informed that all dwellings advertised in this newspaper are available on an equal opportunity basis. To complain of discrimination call HUD toll-free at 1-800-669-9777. The toll-free number for the hearing impaired is 1-800-927-9275.

A
CUSTOM
TREE



A Cut above

Complete tree service in Pagosa Springs.

- Removal of Hazardous Trees
 - Fire Mitigation
 - Climbing & Cleaning Dead Limbs
 - Chipping of Slash
- Safer Home & Healthier Trees.

Chappy Faber
(970) 389-6604

chapfaber@gmail.com

The journey matters—
let Hart Custom Builders
guide the way

- Fine Custom Homes
- Commercial and Municipal Buildings
- Infrastructure



Serving:
Pagosa Springs, Bayfield,
Durango, South Fork,
and surrounding areas

Follow Hart on Facebook
[@HartCustomBuilders](https://www.facebook.com/HartCustomBuilders)

250 Pagosa Street • (970) 264-0110 • hartbuilders.com



DEFENDING
YOUR RIGHTS
FOR OVER 18 YEARS



DANIEL
SHAFFER
LAW

Reputation. Respect. Results

- ◆ Police Misconduct
- ◆ Civil Rights Violations
- ◆ Wrongful Death
- ◆ Disability Violations
- ◆ Excessive Force
- ◆ Unlawful Seizure and Sale of Property

Contact for a
FREE CONSULTATION

970-549-2225

DANIELSHAFFERLAW.COM



Photo courtesy Nicola Gonzales Richardson
 Youngster Levi Richardson, alongside his siblings, shows off a pair of fish caught at Village Lake on Aug. 11. The larger of the fish is a 3.5-pound trout measuring 20 inches long. The fish is the biggest Richardson has ever caught.

Public Safety Equipment & Outdoor Rescue Gear
 Custom Embroidery & Heat Press

FIRST DUE GEAR
 2035 Eagle Dr. Unit 108
 970-814-3549 • firstduegear@yahoo.com

PETZL NRS RESCUE Danner SINCE 1982 LACROSSE TRUE NORTH 5.11 TACTICAL

FirstDueGear.com

Thank you for supporting our advertisers!

Ski & Winter Gear Sale!

**Saturday & Sunday
 Sept. 28th & 29th
 10 a.m.-2 p.m.**

Demo Skis * Goggles * Helmets * Ski Boots
 Ski & Snowboarding Clothing:
 Base Layers * Beanies * Gloves

New & Used End-of-Season Closeouts

**Only at
 Pagosa Ski Rentals
 Parking Lot
 350 Pagosa Street**

New, old stock Previous years' models

Weminuche Audubon Society to meet Sept. 18

By Jean Zirnhelt
 Weminuche Audubon Society

This month the Weminuche Audubon Society will welcome Gary Skiba to our evening chapter meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 18.

Skiba comes to us from the San Juan Citizens Alliance (SJCA) in Durango, where he serves as the wildlife program manager. He joined the staff of SJCA in April 2020 and was a SJCA board member for several years prior to that.

Skiba worked for the Colorado Division of Wildlife for 23 years, where he focused on threatened and endangered species management and spearheaded the agency's efforts on biodiversity conservation and ecosystem management.

The SJCA traces its beginnings to 1986 and a group of people concerned about unchecked gas and oil development in the region. Today, the SJCA continues to advocate in a number of fields for a healthy environment in the San Juan Basin.

Skiba will give an overview of the SJCA's programs, including protection of water, air, public lands and wildlife, and the organization's work on energy transition in Colorado and New Mexico. He will give an update on the status of the Village at Wolf Creek, a proposed development close to home.

The public is invited to join us on Sept. 18 to learn about this important work by the SJCA.

We meet at the Community United Methodist Church on Lewis Street. Enter through the side door closest to the parking lot or let us know to open the main doors for handicap entry. Enjoy refreshments with us starting at 6 p.m. prior to a short business meeting at 6:30 p.m. preceding the presentation.

In appreciation for our meeting space, contributions of nonperishable food for the church food bank are collected at our meetings. If you are unable to join us in person, a link to join on Zoom will be posted on our website, www.weminucheaudubon.org.



Photo courtesy Tom Clarke

Taking in the views went both ways at a residence off of Snowball Road on Sept. 3, with a bobcat neighbor taking in the view of a local home.

Join Us For Market Days
 Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays 9:00 - 3:00

Locally Made Handcrafted Products
 Native American Pottery and Jewelry - Metal Art
 CBD Products - Gems/Minerals - Woodworks
 Women's & Children's Clothing - Fresh Seasonings
 Baked Goods - Blown Glass Art - Guatemalan Imports

LIVE MUSIC SATURDAYS 11 - 1:30

Visit our Food Court
 and dine in our shady picnic area!

Lonchera Don Jose - Authentic Mexican Cuisine
 El Cumbias - snow cones, drinks, snacks

Downtown
 225 E. Pagosa St.
 HWY 160

East Side Market Food Court
 225 E. Pagosa Street
www.esmpagosa.com

PIRATES

Good luck and play hard, Pirates!

THE OFFICIAL BANK OF

HAPPY CUSTOMERS

BANKING HAPPILY.

IT'S NOT THE CATCHIEST SLOGAN,

BUT IT DOES CAPTURE THE SPIRIT OF IT.

BANK OF THE SAN JUANS
 DIVISION OF GLACIER BANK
 ONE BIG HAPPY LITTLE BANK

At Bank of the San Juans we know a lot about banking. But we know even more about people. And the first thing we ever learned was to treat folks the way you want to be treated. Seems pretty simple. So if you're in Colorado, stop by and say hello. We'll be here.

Member FDIC

WWW.BANKSANJUANS.COM
 144 EAST EIGHTH ST., DURANGO CO 81301 970.247.1818
 1710 NORTH MAIN, DURANGO CO 81301 970.247.2828
 305 HOT SPRINGS BLVD., PAGOSA SPRINGS CO 81147 970.264.1818



Photo courtesy Kat McFadden

Members of the Main Street Kids and Construction Committee tour the Pagosa Springs Middle School greenhouse. The committee is pursuing a grant for funds to replace the windows of the greenhouse.

Facilities

Continued from front assessment in order to determine if something is a top concern or of no concern at the moment.

He noted that the first layer looked at things that are requiring immediate action, like, "our middle school sewer."

Next, the assessment looked at things that will need to be replaced or improved within five years, and then items to address in six to 10 years.

Holt also explained that the assessment then looked into if the concern is a safety issue and if it has the potential to cause damage to the building.

"Last year the water line in the shop created pinhole leaks through the water line," Holt said, explaining the leaks were not at joints in the system but throughout the line itself because "the water lines are old."

Holt noted the assessment also considered things like if the building is in violation of current building codes, along with if an issue is simply a space problem.

Holt used the Pagosa Springs Elementary School library as an example of a space problem, explaining the building was built when "far less" students were attending it and that the library is only slightly bigger than a regular classroom.

Holt noted the library "doesn't match the space," also explaining the assessment considers ADA requirements, as well.

Holt indicated that the district met with RTA in recent weeks and that "there were some areas where they were saying, like, 'this is a really big problem.'"

Holt explained that ASD Chief of Operations Josh Sanchez will be meeting with RTA to finalize the assessment results.

"What we've discovered is, the findings will not be much better, or any better, than their initial findings," Holt said.

He explained that, according to the initial draft assessment findings, RTA is giving the elementary and middle schools ratings of a D minus and a F.

Holt went on to explain that what RTA is saying, "based on 200 something schools they've done facilities reviews on, what they're saying is that we should be concerned."

He added, "We should be concerned about the state of our facilities."

Holt noted that these results do not necessarily reflect that the work of the district's crews and the BOE's investment financially over the past few years

has not been done poorly in any way. He noted that last year the BOE committed \$725,000 for facility repairs and improvements.

"We need to start thinking about our schools as simply getting old," he said.

Holt noted that this is a great time for the district to be updating its facilities master plan, which is required by the state to be updated approximately every five years.

"So, we're getting after that," he said. Holt explained that beginning in October and November the district will hold community meetings at the elementary, middle and high school campuses to inform the public of the assessment results and gather feedback from the community about how it would like the district to move forward.

"We'll start collecting feedback from folks via survey," he added. Holt explained that the district will go through multiple rounds of engaging with the public before presenting suggestions from the BOE on what to do.

"We want to make sure that we are supporting what the majority of our community is saying," he said, noting how this can be a divisive topic among the community.

Beginning in April 2025, the board will begin to present its proposal to the public, Holt explained. Holt reminded the board that no decisions in regard to the facilities assessment have been made yet.

"I feel like some other public entities might be trying to speak for us," Holt said, explaining the board needs to be "slow and intentional about what we do."

BOE president Bob Lynch asked if RTA will be present with the board during the process of engaging with the community.

Holt confirmed that RTA will be at the October meeting to discuss the final assessment results and will also be available throughout the district's process of engaging with the public.

Holt commented that there is "something to be said about hearing about Pagosa from Pagosans."

He went on to mention the community had similar conversations back in 2011.

"The buildings were old then. We've gone another 14 years; they're older now," he said.

Holt added that he wants to make sure people see and understand the difference between what the district

can fiscally afford and what "is just done."

"I want them to help our community see the difference there," he added.

Board member Amanda Schick asked if there are certain areas that will be addressed in the meantime while the assessment results and community engagement process are taking place.

Holt indicated that there will be things addressed in the meantime and that the district has been using a process over the past two years to identify those issues.

"We want the public to know we're juggling big things," he said.

He further explained that the district is looking at how to handle issues immediately or within six months, along with coming up with a three-year and a five-year plan.

"It feels like we're going to be investing some money over the holidays this year," he said, commenting on the middle school sewer line, noting that regular cleanings will be taking place in order to address the problem immediately.

Holt also noted there are other concerns at the middle school such as field space, and middle school Principal Chris Hinger has requested new turf areas, but that the district has not been able to provide that due to other issues with higher properties.

"It's concerning that we have a middle school that doesn't have its own fields; like, that's starting to get really unusual," Holt said.

Middle school greenhouse repairs

The Pagosa Springs Main Street Kids and Construction Committee met with Holt on Monday, Sept. 9, to discuss the possibility of using a \$50,000 grant to replace the greenhouse windows at the middle school.

Committee member Rosanna Dufour explained that the committee came across the grant through Main Street America, which is being offered by T-Mobile for towns with populations under 50,000.

"We're hoping that it'll be enough to replace the windows in the greenhouse," she said.

Holt indicated that the district would be in support of the committee's efforts.

Dufour indicated that the committee is also interested in creating a public Wi-Fi hot zone with the grant funds as well.

clayton@pagosahun.com

New recreation coalition formed

By Clayton Chaney

Staff Writer

A new recreation coalition has been formed, called the Pagosa Area Recreation Coalition (PARC), spanning Archuleta, Mineral and Hinsdale counties.

During a regular meeting held by the Combined Parks and Recreation Advisory Board (which includes Archuleta County and the Town of Pagosa Springs) held on Sept. 5, board member Larry Lynch provided an update on the newly formed PARC.

Lynch explained that the U.S. Forest Service "has been interested in looking at the recreational aspects within the district," after plans for a bike trail system at Jackson Mountain fell through last summer.

"The district ranger has expressed a desire to possibly look at some new recreational developments within the district," Lynch said.

Lynch explained the PARC will have representation from all three counties, the Forest Service, local tribes and multiple other organizations, including the Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association and the San Juan Headwaters Forest Health Partnership.

"The idea is there's going to be some public meetings coming up over the winter," Lynch said, explaining that people will be able to bring up ideas, thoughts and suggestions for

improvements.

He explained that projects can include things like construction or improving trailheads, new trails, trail connectors and restrooms.

"Any of those types of improvements," Lynch added, noting projects can include existing town and county trails and parks.

"We've modeled it after Chaffee County," Lynch said.

He explained that Chaffee County "went through this process a couple years ago and a really successful run at it," generating over 90 improvement projects and bringing in "quite a bit of money."

Lynch explained that the PARC may not be on the same size or scale of Chaffee County, but it is intended to be "something to bring the community together and see where it goes" while identifying needs and wants

throughout the district.

Lynch added the group will focus on conservation and wildlife protection, as well.

He also explained that a task force of 30 to 40 people will be organized to meet regularly with PARC's leadership group.

Lynch noted that Pagosa Springs Project Manager David Hilborn, Recreation Supervisor Amanda Gadowski and Archuleta County Attorney Todd Weaver have been appointed to the leadership group.

Hinsdale County Commissioner Kristie Borchers was also recently appointed to the leadership group.

"Everybody's gonna have a say," Lynch said.

He indicated that the group will likely start holding meetings this November.

clayton@pagosahun.com

Big End of the Year Sale!

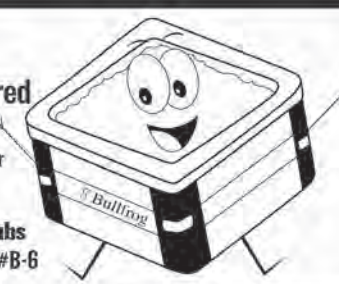
September 23 to October 11
Monday-Friday 10AM to 4PM

SAVE ON
2024 Inventory & custom-ordered hot tubs

Find out about our offer to get a year of our bi-weekly service for FREE!

HOMESPUN HOT TUBS

Homespun Hot Tubs
301 N. Pagosa Blvd. #B-6
(970) 344-8437
www.HomespunHotTubs.com



bullfrog spas
Authorized Dealer



Archuleta Democrats

Annual Chili Supper



Fri Sept 13 5:30-8:30pm
CSU Ext Building
344 Highway 84

Register at the door or on-line:
Suggested donation: \$15
Beer & Wine: \$5



Speakers:

- ★ Vivian Smotherman, Senate District 6
- ★ Katie Stewart, House District 59

Archuleta Democrats proudly represent the majority of voters in the United States and Colorado. In the not-so-distant past, Americans spoke with a common voice against violence, prejudice, exploitation, and injustice. We invite all to join us as we advocate for freedom: human rights, cooperation, tolerance, diplomacy, equality, and peace.

All donations benefit the local party. If you want to donate food, volunteer, or have questions, contact Sue Yalom 970-731-1091

Paid for by the Archuleta County Democratic Party, David Butcher, Registered Agent, archuletacountydems.org. Not authorized by any candidate or candidate committee.



TBK BANK

TBKBank.com

Checking | Savings | Money Market | Online Services

TBK Bank, SSB | Member FDIC

Business Owners!

Get SECURITY and CONVENIENCE for your deposit accounts!

Call or visit **RG BANK** today and ask what we can do for your business!

Monte Vista
719.852.5933

Alamosa
719.589.2536

Pagosa Springs
970.731.4701

Your Future Begins Today!



Member FDIC
RG BANK

preview

ARTS & LIFE

Aspen House Color Run/Walk 5K

8 a.m. • Sept. 21 • Yamaguchi Park



Photo courtesy Aspen House

September 12, 2024

Aspen House announces annual Color Run

By Pattie Copenhaver
Aspen House

Aspen House is excited to announce the return of the highly anticipated Aspen House Color Run/Walk 5K, set to take place on Sept. 21 during ColorFest weekend. This vibrant and fun-filled event is a celebration of community, fitness and color, drawing participants from across the region for an unforgettable experience in the heart of the San Juan Mountains. The Color Run, known for its playful atmosphere and burst of color at every kilometer, is open to participants

of all ages and fitness levels. Whether you're a seasoned runner or just looking to enjoy a colorful day outdoors, this event offers something for everyone. The event will kick off at 8 a.m. at Yamaguchi Park, and participants will find themselves showered in a spectrum of colors as they make their way through the scenic route, creating a truly unique and joyful experience. Beyond the race itself, the Aspen House Color Run is a cornerstone event of the annual ColorFest Weekend, a beloved tradition in Pagosa Springs that includes hot air balloon launches, live music and food festivals. ■ See Run on next page

Live Performers



- Thursday**
Coyote Moon Lounge: Open Mic with Eric Wade, 7 p.m.
The Pagosa Bar: Karaoke, 7 p.m.
- Friday**
Coyote Moon Lounge: Jackson Mountain Ramblers, 6 p.m.
Meltdown on Main: Banjo Joe and Danielle, 5:30 p.m.
Mountain Pizza and Taproom: Dan Evans, 5:30 p.m.
The Springs Resort lodge atrium: Rock N Rebels, 5 p.m.
- Saturday**
Coyote Moon Lounge: Vincent Koehl, 6 p.m.
East Side Market: Open mic, 11 a.m.
Mountain Pizza and Taproom: Dan Evans, 5:30 p.m.
The Springs Resort lodge atrium: Jackson Mountain Ramblers, 5 p.m.
- Sunday**
Coyote Moon Lounge: Daniel Lindsey, Shane Tuller & Jeff Hibshman, 5 p.m.
Mountain Pizza and Taproom: Dan Evans, 5:30 p.m.
The Springs Resort lodge atrium: Jackson Mountain Ramblers, 5 p.m.
- Monday**
Coyote Moon Lounge: Dustin Burley, 5 p.m.
Mountain Pizza and Taproom: Dan Evans, 5:30 p.m.
- Tuesday**
The Springs Resort lodge atrium: Bluegrass Cadillac, 5 p.m.

Big End of the Year Sale!

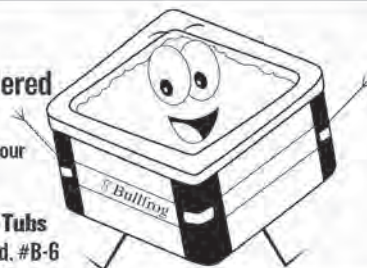
September 23 to October 11
Monday-Friday 10AM to 4PM

SAVE ON
2024 Inventory & custom-ordered hot tubs

Find out about our offer to get a year of our bi-weekly service for FREE!

HOMESPUN HOT TUBS

Homespun Hot Tubs
301 N. Pagosa Blvd. #B-6
(970)344-8437
www.HomespunHotTubs.com



bullfrog spas
Authorized Dealer

LIVE MUSIC at The Springs Resort = 5-7 pm in the Lodge Atrium



Friday, Sept. 13th
Rock N Rebels

Saturday & Sunday,
Sept. 14th & 15th
Jackson Mountain Ramblers

Tuesday, Sept. 17th
Bluegrass Cadillac

Join us for
Wine Down Wednesday
on September 18th!
(50% off select wines)

323 Hot Springs Blvd.
800-225-0934
pagosahotspings.com



The PREVIEW is a publication of

The Pagosa Springs
SUN

©Copyright 2024

O'Rourke Media Group — Pagosa Springs, LLC
ISSN 2835-3994 (Print) • ISSN 2835-4001 (Online)



Owner, CEO
Jim O'Rourke, jorouke@orourkemediagroup.com
Publisher, Advertising, Circulation
Shari Pierce, shari@pagosasun.com
Editor
Randi Pierce, editor@pagosasun.com
Reporters
Josh Pike, josh@pagosasun.com
Derek Kutzer, derek@pagosasun.com
Clayton Chaney, clayton@pagosasun.com
Classified Advertising/Front Office
Cristin Flanagan, classads@pagosasun.com
Head Pressroom Robert Penton
Assistant Press Operator Matt McKinnon
Mailroom William Thomas

SUBSCRIPTION RATES
Annual In County - \$35
Annual Out of County - \$45
Monthly - \$10
Digital subscriptions available at PagosaSun.com

ADVERTISING DEADLINES
Display - Noon Monday
Classified - Tuesday 10 a.m.
Legal - Friday 4 p.m. • Deadlines are moved up for holiday weeks. Please check for an ad in the paper for specific dates and times.

(970) 264-2100
PagosaSUN.com
Physical: 457 Lewis Street
Mailing: PO Box 9, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147



NEW CHINA

NOW!
Buy 10 Lunch Buffets,
get one FREE

Beginning October 1,
we will start serving Dinner Buffet
4-8:30 p.m.

Dinner Buffet food will be different from Lunch Buffet

**Buy 10 Dinner Buffets,
get one FREE**

open 7 days a week • 11 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.
970-731-3161
565 Village Dr #F • Pagosa Springs
www.NewChinaPagosa.com

Stargazers look forward to most interesting astronomy autumn in 18.6 years

By Joan Mieritz
San Juan Stargazers

On the evening of Sept. 17 will be a partial eclipse of the harvest moon supermoon as it is rising in the sky.

Full moons are always impressive, but supermoons are slightly larger than average because the moon is at or close to perigee, which means it is the closest to Earth in its slightly elliptical orbit. Since it is closer, it appears larger and is called a supermoon.

The eclipse will be visible from most of North America and all of South America. Europe, parts of Africa and Antarctica, and eastern Asia and Russia can also view it. It is unusual for it to be seen in so many places on our planet.

In Pagosa Springs, moonrise on Sept. 17, is at 7:11 p.m., so it is an easy time to be out looking at the partial eclipse.

Run

■ continued from previous page

Proceeds from the Aspen House Color Run/Walk will directly support a vital cause — raising funds to build Aspen House in Pagosa Springs. This new facility will provide essential housing and services for adults with developmental disabilities in Archuleta County.

By participating in this event, attendees are not only embracing a day of fun and fitness, but also contributing to a cause that will have a lasting, positive impact on the local community.

Registration is now open, and those interested in participating are encouraged to sign up early to secure their spot in this colorful celebration. The event URL is: <https://runsignup.com/Race/CO/PagosaSprings/ColorFestColorRunWalk5K>.

About Aspen House

Aspen House is a dedicated non-profit organization committed to enhancing the lives of adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities through community support, advocacy and innovative programs. For more information on how to support Aspen House and help make a difference in the lives of individuals with developmental disabilities, please visit www.aspenhousepagosa.org.

September Stargazer 'meeting'

This is a once-in-18.6-year possibility. Our "meeting" is not one night, but will include three possible major lunar standstill events.

Event 1: On Sunday, Sept. 22, Dr. J. McKim Malville will be speaking at the Community United Methodist Church on Lewis Street at 7 p.m. He

was the University of Colorado professor who discovered that what attracted the ancient people to Chimney Rock was the major lunar standstill or this once-every-18.6-year happening of the moon rising between the two pinnacles, Chimney Rock and Companion Rock.

Malville is retired and in his 80s,

■ See Stargazers on next page

Clip 'n Save 10% OFF Wines & Liquors

OFF 750ML & 1.75L BOTTLES NON-SALE ITEMS ONLY. NO BEER.



Beer of the Month
Telluride Brewing 6 packs

\$100 OFF

offer ends 9/30/24



Spirit of the Month
Bacardi Rum
1.75L

\$300 OFF

offer ends 9/30/24

Wine of the Month
Meiomi Wines
750 ml



\$400 OFF

offer ends 9/30/24

970-264-2749

M-SAT 9AM TO MIDNIGHT
SUNDAY 9AM TO 10 PM

Next to River Center - Hwy. 160 - East Pagosa Springs

SILVER DOLLAR LIQUORS



Pagosa's Home Place

Outdoor Poly Furniture

We stock mattresses



MADE IN COLORADO!



DESIGNED & BUILT in the USA!

• 1-2 week lead for special sizes and models •

Custom upholstery furniture

STOCKED or ordered in 6-12 weeks

MADE in the USA!

Recliners, sleepers, accent chairs, sofa sets



QUALITY BUILT to LAST



15% OFF Lamps and Rugs

Prices are as marked. All sales final on discounted items, cash and carry, no returns on sale items, discounts do not apply to sale items, sale prices may not be combined with other discounts. Delivery and set up or installation not included. Some other exclusions may apply. Limited to stock on hand.



See our ads on TerrysACE.com

Shop www.acehardware.com for free in store pickup

525 Navajo Trail Drive • 731-4022

Mon-Fri 7:30-6 • Sat 8-5 • Sun 9-4

MASSAGE YOGA SOUND



IT'S A VIBE

VITAL. INNER. BALANCE. EMPOWERMENT.

970.880.5024

www.itsavibe.biz

Llc.itsavibe@gmail.com

An Autumn Encore of the 19th Hole Concerts to raise granting funds for Archuleta County

By Rachel Rosenthal
Community Foundation serving Southwest Colorado

The Community Foundation serving Southwest Colorado is excited to announce a new concert fundraiser benefiting Archuleta County nonprofits.

Money raised from An Autumn Encore of the 19th Hole Concerts will sup-

port the Archuleta County Fund, which grants annually to local nonprofits.

The event will be held on Thursday, Sept. 19, at the Pagosa Springs Golf Club from 5 to 6:30 p.m. and will feature music from local musician Bob Hemenger.

The Archuleta County Fund is a quasi-endowed fund that provides an unsolicited grant annually which is matched by another fund through

the Community Foundation to create a larger impact for the recipient of the grant. A local committee decides which organization will receive the funding.

This year, the fund is granting \$10,500 to the Pagosa Nordic Club. The Pagosa Nordic Club plans to use the funding to expand their Youth Nordic Ski Program for middle and high school students. Purchasing clas-

■ See Encore on next page

Stargazers

■ continued from previous page

so he may not be coming to Pagosa to speak very often and it should be well worth taking the opportunity.

Event 2: On Monday, Sept. 23, people will gather at the Chimney Rock amphitheater with the gate opening at about 8:30 p.m. to see telescope viewing, a program with guest speakers and, much later, a telecast view of the moon rising between the pinnacles.

It is noteworthy that the ancient people had a better view of the rising moon because they built their Chacoan Great House for that reason. We have not rebuilt the ruins to three stories with a plaza over the great kiva and another bigger plaza to the south of the Great House. At this time, it only will be visible from the edge of a cliff, where a person from Griffith Observatory in climbing gear will be roped off to be safe while telecasting it to us.

Event 3: On Tuesday, Sept. 24, the same thing will happen, but the gate will open at 9:30 p.m. and the viewing of the moon will be later.

Please check the most recent infor-

mation in a SUN article or the website of the Chimney Rock Interpretive Association since the times and details may be changed.

Club activities

Our October monthly meeting will be on Oct. 3 at the regular time of 6 p.m. for a social hour and 7 p.m. program time.

We will have a member speaker, Tom Hanchet, who worked at Houston Mission Control for all of the Apollo missions. This past summer many people who worked on the Apollo programs gathered in Houston for the 50th anniversary reunion. NASA made a film of the highlights. He was a panel speaker. Hanchet will be sharing much with us.

Our November monthly meeting will be on Nov. 7 at the regular times. Our speaker, our very own professional astronomer, Dr. Andy Green, will be sharing his area of specialty: how galaxies are formed.

Our December monthly meeting will be on Dec. 5 at the regular times, with the program yet to be determined.

Space mysteries calendars available

We will be selling them for \$15 starting at the Malville lecture on Sept. 22. That is not to order them, but to have them in your hands to take home.

If the calendar is being given as a gift to a child, there is a special \$3 discount.

James Webb Space Telescope locates Earth-like exoplanet

It is 6.5 times larger than earth and has many Earth-like features. It is being intensely studied. I don't think that it can be better or closer-viewed, but everything possible will be done to find out more about this most Earth-like place to see if it has Earth-like inhabitants.

Information will most likely be released very slowly because in the past there was a huge fear that the discovery of alien life would send the world into a crazy mass panic.

How is that for an amazing discovery to think about because it will change life on our planet.

Join Us For Market Days

Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays 9:00 - 3:00

Locally Made Handcrafted Products
Native American Pottery and Jewelry - Metal Art
CBD Products - Gems/Minerals - Woodworks
Women's & Children's Clothing - Fresh Seasonings
Baked Goods - Blown Glass Art - Guatemalan Imports

LIVE MUSIC SATURDAYS 11 - 1:30

Visit our Food Court
and dine in our shady picnic area!

Lonchera Don Jose - Authentic Mexican Cuisine
El Cumbias - snow cones, drinks, snacks

Downtown

225 E. Pagosa St.

HWY 160

East Side Market
Food Court

225 E. Pagosa Street

www.esmpagosa.com

PAGOSA CHRISTIAN WOMENS FALL RETREAT

SEPTEMBER 27-29, 2024
SONLIGHT CAMP

LEAN ON ME
MATTHEW 11:28-30

Guest speakers
Lauren Williams and Erica Ketchum
and worship



For more details
and to register go to
pscwretreat.com



Eat. Drink. gather

try our
Prime Steaks, Seafood, Pastas
Subs, Wraps & Salads
Homemade Key Lime Pie

City Hall CAFE & GRILLE

Eat In or Take Out • Open Tue-Sat • 11 am-9 pm
Call Today to Reserve Our Private Gondola 970.398.2409

2151 Eagle Drive | cityhallcafe.co | 970.398.2409

LIVE CONCERT

JOHNNY NICHOLAS

TEXAS BLUES
FORMER LEAD SINGER,
SONGWRITER & MULTI
INSTRUMENTALIST
WITH THE BAND

Thursday
September 19th
7pm

"Asleep At The Wheel"

TICKETS ON SALE AT
WWW.PAGOSAMOVIES.COM

LIBERTY THEATRE
418 Pagosa Street
970-264-7469

Community supports Archuleta Food Pantry Network

Healthy Archuleta

On Saturday, Aug. 31, our community members generously supported the Food Pantry Network with the donation of nonperishable food items during Healthy Archuleta's food drive at City Market.

More than 1,100 food items were donated and later shared with the seven food pantries in Archuleta County.

Additionally, funds donated during the event will help support locally grown/produced food purchases for the Food Pantry Network.

If you did not get the chance to participate in the food drive, you can make a donation of nonperishable food items at the UPS Store during their business hours.

To learn more about the efforts of Healthy Archuleta, please visit our website, www.foodcoalition4archuleta.org, or send us an email at fsfearchuleta@gmail.com.

Archuleta Health Fair and Expo coming soon

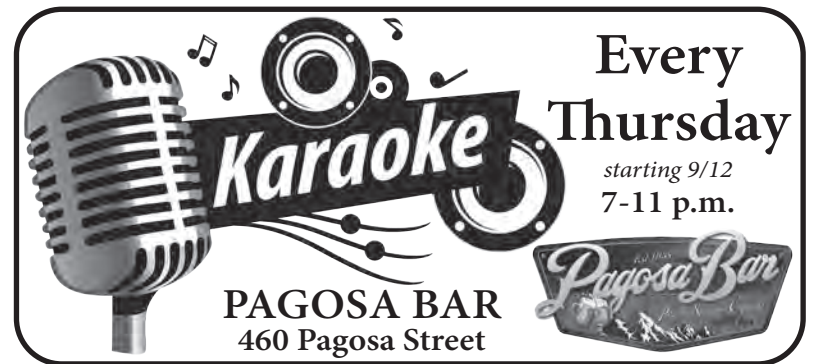
The 2024 Archuleta Health Fair and Expo will take place on Oct. 19 at Pagosa Springs High School.

This event will feature low-cost labs, health screenings, health care providers, and health and wellness exhibitors. Registration information will be released in the coming weeks.

Healthy Archuleta is seeking volunteers to help with the event and welcomes businesses and individuals to help sponsor the health fair to help bring low-cost preventative

health care services to our community members.

To learn more about the 2024 Archuleta Health Fair and Expo, volunteer and sponsorship opportunities, please visit our website, <https://www.foodcoalition4archuleta.org/2024-archuleta-health-fair-and-expo.html>, or send us an email at fsfearchuleta@gmail.com.



Every Thursday
starting 9/12
7-11 p.m.

PAGOSA BAR
460 Pagosa Street

Encore

■ continued from previous page

sic cross-country skiing equipment to complement their existing skate-ski equipment will allow students to experience both disciplines of cross-country skiing and support healthy lifestyles for the youth of Archuleta County.

"The Pagosa Nordic Club is honored to be selected to receive this grant from the Community Foundation's Archuleta County Fund," said James Dickhoff, president of the Pagosa Nordic Club. "The youth Nordic ski program exposes our kids to a fun, physical winter activity to promote fitness, friendships and an appreciation for being outside with nature."

"We are so excited to have this grant opportunity for the nonprofit community in Archuleta County," said Briggen Wrinkle, executive director of the Community Foundation. "The Autumn Encore is a perfect opportunity to raise money and educate the community about the fund while shining a spotlight on an outstanding

local nonprofit."

In addition to raising funds with ticket sales, a silent auction will allow concertgoers to bid on various gift cards and goods from local businesses, as well as a three-night stay at a Telluride condo. All proceeds go directly to the Archuleta County Fund, making it a more substantial granting source for local organizations. Be sure to bring your checkbooks and join in the fun.

All proceeds go directly to supporting nonprofit organizations because of generous sponsors.

In 2022, our inaugural Archuleta County Fund grant of \$10,000 went to Habitat for Humanity of Archuleta County to support its plan to build more affordable housing. In 2023, \$10,000 was granted to Wings Early Childhood Center to provide appliances for its building expansion.

The Community Foundation invests and manages contributions to our five counties. Our goal is to build, over time, substantial funds for the community.



Art Festival

OF PAGOSA SPRINGS

September 14 • 10 - 5
September 15 • 10 - 4



Town Park Athletic Field

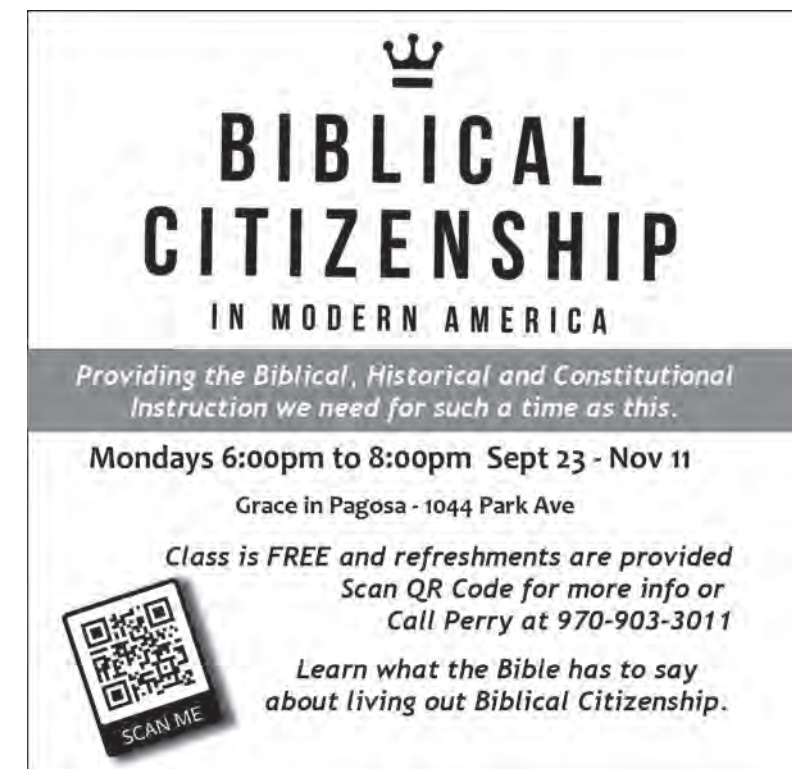
60 Artists

Kid's Activities

Live Music • Food Trucks

Beer, Wine & Bloody Mary's

fabaevents.com




BIBLICAL CITIZENSHIP
IN MODERN AMERICA

Providing the Biblical, Historical and Constitutional Instruction we need for such a time as this.

Mondays 6:00pm to 8:00pm Sept 23 - Nov 11
Grace in Pagosa - 1044 Park Ave

Class is FREE and refreshments are provided
Scan QR Code for more info or
Call Perry at 970-903-3011



Learn what the Bible has to say about living out Biblical Citizenship.

SPONSORED BY





Photo courtesy Jacque Aragon

Around 50 participants, both amateurs and professionals, are expected to compete for cash prizes, trophies and culinary glory with their unique green chile recipes at the 16th annual Patty Aragon Green Chile Classic at the Mountain Chile Cha Cha on Sept. 28.

Registration open for 16th annual Patty Aragon Green Chile Classic

By Jacque Aragon
Special to The PREVIEW

Get Ready for the 18th annual Mountain Chile Cha Cha and 16th annual Patty Aragon Green Chile Classic, which will be held rain or shine.

As the crisp fall air descends upon Pagosa Springs, the aroma of freshly roasted green chiles signals the arrival of the annual harvest season.

Join us for a culinary celebration featuring the renowned Hatch variety from New Mexico and Big Jims from Grand Junction at the Patty Aragon Green Chile Classic.

This year, we expect to showcase around 50 talented participants, both amateurs and professionals, who will

compete for cash prizes, trophies and culinary glory with their unique green chile recipes.

From traditional to avant-garde, the cook-off promises a delectable range of green chile flavors and styles for everyone to enjoy. But that's just the beginning — the event is packed with activities for all ages, including a kids' tent, a Mexican beer garden, margarita tasting and a selection of food vendors.

We're introducing a \$10 entry fee to get into the event for the first time. Kids 12 and under are free. This nominal charge is a small price for an enhanced event experience with two of our favorite bands.

Enhancing the vibrant atmosphere of the event, the acclaimed

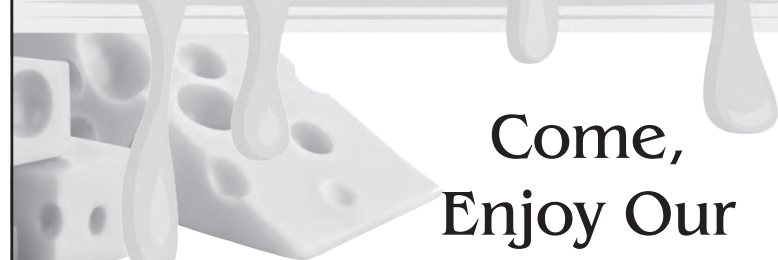
band Sangre Joven will ignite the stage with its infectious Latin rhythms. Additionally, prepare to be blown away by the electrifying performance of Str8 Shot, promising an unforgettable experience. Plus, you can take home locally grown, freshly roasted Hatch green chiles to create your culinary masterpieces.

Join us on Sept. 28 for a day of music, dance and delicious green chile dishes at the Town Park athletic field.

Whether you're a local or a visitor, this celebration of green chile and Pagosa Springs' Hispanic cultural heritage is an event to be noticed.

For more information and to register for the chile cook-off, visit ilovegreenchile.com.

MELTDOWN ON MAIN



Come,
Enjoy Our
Live Music

Home of Pagosa's
Best Specialty Grilled
Cheese Sandwiches!



Friday
5:30-8:30 PM
Banjo Joe
& Danielle

SERVING
f BEER & WINE!! @

Open Fri & Sat 11-8 and Sun 11-5
(970) 398-2332 • 257 Pagosa Street



“Our first time
ordering at
Mountain Pizza
and it was the
best pizza we
have ever had!”

Alan C, Google review

Delicious cooked-to-order pizza
and your favorite brews on tap!

Classic Pizzas • Build Your Own • Detroit-Style
Entrées • Sides • Desserts • Signature Hot Sauces

Tapwall
happy hour
M-F 2-5pm

Easy Pickup Window Open

Order & pay online at

MountainPizzaTapRoom.com

Drive to our pickup window &
we'll hand you your order



175 PAGOSA STREET • 11 AM TO 9 PM DAILY
Order On Line: MountainPizzaTapRoom.com

NATURAL GROCERS®

SEPTEMBER 12-14

AMAZING
SAVINGS!

*Terms & conditions apply. See store for details.



55% OFF
\$2.49

MUIR GLEN
Select Organic Tomatoes
28 OZ

ALWAYS AFFORDABLE \$5.59



53% OFF
\$2.79

BITCHIN' SAUCE™
Organic Dips or Sauces
7 OZ

ALWAYS AFFORDABLE \$5.99



{N}POWER® MEMBERS ONLY
SEPTEMBER 12-14

FREE BAG
WITH PURCHASE

LIMITED
EDITION





Photo courtesy Donna Muir
Kim Buscaglia, Meagan Zimpfer and Donna Muir have formed Team Under the Sea to raise critical funds for Rise Above Violence at this year's Runway for Rise event on Oct. 5.

Tickets selling fast for Runway for Rise

By **Dee McPeek**
 Rise Above Violence

A few tickets are still left for the Oct. 5 Runway for Rise fundraiser benefiting Rise Above Violence.

A waitlist will be available for sign-up to fill last-minute cancellations.

Can't attend in person? You can still have a huge impact by voting for your favorite teams online. Your dollars will move teams closer to winning the Pagosa Prada Award while providing critical support for domestic violence survivors.

Just go to riseaboveviolence.org to snag those remaining tickets and vote with your dollars for as many teams as you like.

Donna Muir, returning from a team last year, and her teammates of Under the Sea understand firsthand the value of Rise Above Violence programs.

They have said, "Recently, someone close to us was helped by Rise. We were amazed by all the kindness, resources and other ways Rise helped. Runway for Rise is a great, fun way to get involved, give back to the organization and bring awareness to our community of all they do."

This team hopes to raise the most money and be awarded the Pagosa Prada Award for 2024.

Each member of the winning team will receive a stunning one-of-a-

kind, handmade leather bag created by Lvonne Wilson. Even with her successful leather business and participation as a committee member for this event, she has taken time to produce a beautiful award that winning team members will be proud to take home.

Generous sponsors have covered the costs of this event. Your dollars will be used to help survivors of domestic and sexual violence seeking criminal or civil legal assistance. The legal system can be overwhelming and confusing. Rise helps navigate these systems so survivors better understand the processes that can improve their and their children's safety. From protection order assistance to legal representation, Rise advocates can help, and your donations make that possible.

Join us in this effort. Each vote is \$1 but for fun we have hidden the donations for each team on the website. Rest assured the competition is fierce and teams are all very close. Dollars raised the night of the event will complete the team totals and the big reveal of the winner will be done at the end of the night. Have a favorite team or teams? You better go vote for them right now at riseaboveviolence.org.

Questions? Contact Event Coordinator Annie Gian at annie@riseaboveviolence.org. Thank you for adding the fun to this fundraiser.

Veterans for Veterans of Archuleta County Presents

Free Community PANCAKE BREAKFAST

SEPTEMBER 14TH, 8-11AM

The Young Eagles program will be doing

FREE PLANE RIDES

For kids from 8-18, on Saturday, September 14th and Sunday the 15th from 8 AM to 11 AM.

Parents MUST preregister their kids at this website:

www.YoungEaglesDay.com and enter 81147

for location in the box indicated.

They can also scan these QR codes to register:





Stevens Field Airport, 777 Piedra Rd. (County Road 600)

For questions or more info, contact: PaulaByra17@gmail.com

Thanks to our Gold Sponsors:

Exit Realty Home and Ranch
 Pagosa Springs Walmart Durango Motor Company

WE ARE OPEN FOR LUNCH AND DINNER!
 FAMILY-OWNED RESTAURANT AND BAR OFFERING POLISH AMERICAN CUISINE

HOURS OPEN:	LIVE MUSIC
MONDAY: 11 AM - 11PM	DANCING
TUESDAY: CLOSED	OPEN MIC
WEDNESDAY: CLOSED	KARAOKE
THURSDAY: 11AM - 11PM	
FRIDAY: 11AM - 12AM	
SATURDAY: 11AM - 12AM	KITCHEN OPEN: 11AM - 9PM
SUNDAY: 11AM - 11PM	BAR MENU ONLY: 9PM - 10:30PM



120 Piedra RD, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147 970.582.2011

Community helps Our Community Eats move to new home

By Katherine Solbert
Our Community Eats Pantry

I am in awe and full of respect for the residents of this town. Our Community Eats (OCE) had a monumental move on its hands to get the pantry relocated from the old Sears building into the recently purchased Tennyson Building Event Center.

Many people from all walks of life came to support the move. The building was purchased for OCE from a very generous donor. OCE finalized the sale of the building Aug. 1. A local design company graciously drafted the architectural plans as a donation in record time, allowing permits to be filed.

Several men from a local church came and helped my husband do the demo work to create warehouse space. Many local business donated supplies for this project.

A husband-and-wife team in their late 70s built our front desk out of repurposed materials from the demo of the building. A tremendous amount of work was done quickly. When the building was ready for the pantry to start moving over, we encountered

an obstacle locating a truck with a lift gate.

Colorado Care and Share mobilized a driver and semi truck to move many pallets of food to the new location. This alone was a huge miracle of God.

Then came tearing apart the pantry shelving and moving the actual pantry with its 17 refrigerators and freezer units. The high school football team came and moved it all. A local real estate company loaned us a moving truck.

Several folks showed up with trailers to help. Many people reassembled the pantry and restocked shelves. Even Mary Miller, who is 92 years old, stocked shelves for over five hours. The help didn't stop there. Lindy, 74 years of age, cleaned, scrubbed and buffed floors for five days to ensure our security deposit would be refunded on the previous rental location.

The county permit office instructed us on what is required for a temporary use permits. The fire department jumped through major hoops to get the fire inspection and final reports turned in to the permit office. We all cheered at this effort.

Two local banks donated funds to

help with a portion of the cost of our new sign. Never in my life have I seen so many folks in all aspects of a town pull together like this to assist a food pantry into its permanent location and get reopened.

People come to Pagosa and see our beautiful mountains and lovely town. But the core of this town, however, are people with huge, caring hearts. This community wants to make sure all residents have enough to eat. Through such extraordinary efforts, the pantry was closed one business day and was fully up and running the next business day. God has His eye on Pagosa and all are remembered. I am so proud of this community, and I am humbled and honored to be a part of it. Together we can do great things.

If anyone needs help with groceries, we are open Monday 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Wednesday 4 to 6 p.m., Thursday 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Friday 10 a.m. to noon. Our location is 197 Navajo Trails Drive.

You can also visit our website at www.ourcommunityeats.com for more information about us.



I HAD A WONDERFUL EXPERIENCE WITH THE EASY PAINLESS X-RAYS AND PAINLESS PRO DENTAL WORK THAT DR. RUTHERFORD DID. THE DOCTOR AND STAFF ARE ALL HELPFUL, PROFESSIONAL AND KNOWLEDGEABLE..IT'S A VERY CLEAN, UNIQUE AND FRIENDLY ENVIRONMENT THEY ROCK!!

MARILYN M. 8/24

970-731-3627
PAGOSASMILES.COM

No Insurance? CASH Discounts!



NOT VALID WITH ANY OTHER OFFER
OFFER EXPIRES SEPT 27TH 2024

WWW.PAGOSASMILES.COM

SERVING THE PAGOSA AREA FOR OVER 30 YEARS!

Rotary Club of Pagosa Springs auctioning incredible experiences online

By Donna Mosher
Rotary Club of Pagosa Springs

The Rotary Club of Pagosa Springs' online charity auction is your chance to get some incredible experiential items while making a meaningful difference in our community.

Don't miss your chance to bid on items like the Ultimate Top Gun Flight Experience, a Colorado Front Range Adventure Getaway, Sporting Clay Lessons, a Sip the Magic of Tuscany package and more.

Not only will winning bidders walk away with something special, but donations will support Rotary's "Service Above Self" initiatives. It's a win-win: You get to treat yourself and help your community at the same time.

The auction is part of the club's ninth annual Jewels and Jeans Barn Dance on Oct. 12 at the Archuleta County Extension Building. But you don't have to attend the dance to take part. This online-only auction is everyone's chance to support Rotary's largest fundraiser of the year.

The online auction is now live. It closes at midnight on Oct. 11. Visit <https://tinyurl.com/2xymm26t> to browse and bid on items offered exclusively online.

There will also be a silent auction at the event with additional items up for grabs.

Proceeds from the 2023 Barn Dance helped the Rotary Club of Pagosa Springs give \$56,000 to

support key projects, including Rotary's Dictionary Project, the Pagosa Outreach Connection, scholarships for local graduates, the Rotary Youth Exchange and community grants.

These efforts exemplify our commitment to Rotary's values of "Service Above Self" and the "Four-Way Test," which ensures that our actions are truthful, fair, build goodwill and are beneficial to all.

Barn dance details

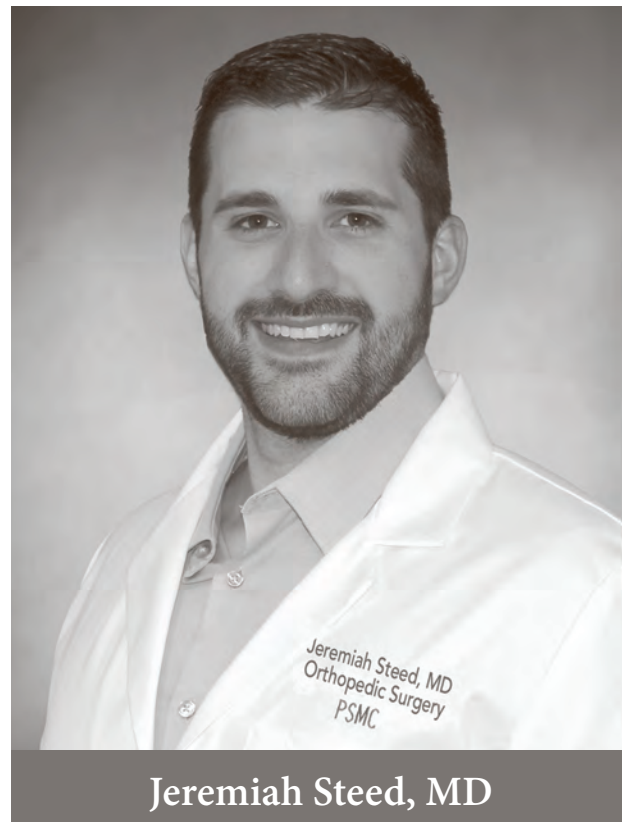
Get ready to kick up your heels at the Rotary Club of Pagosa Springs' ninth annual Jewels and Jeans Barn Dance. Join us on Oct. 12 from 7 to 10 p.m. at the Archuleta County Extension building. The doors will open at 6:30 p.m.

Dance the night away to the lively tunes of the Jackson Mountain Ramblers, who will be playing your favorites — whether you're into two-stepping, line dancing, waltzing or swinging the night away, there will be something for everyone.

Tickets are \$30 per person in advance and \$35 at the door. Don't forget to grab a food ticket for just \$15, which includes a hearty chuckwagon dinner to keep you fueled for the night. Tickets are available at the Chamber of Commerce, Exit Realty Home and Ranch, or directly from your favorite Rotary Club of Pagosa Springs member.

This event always sells out, so be sure to get your tickets early.

PSMC Welcomes



Jeremiah Steed, MD

PSMC is proud to announce that Dr. Jeremiah Steed, total joint fellowship trained orthopedic surgeon, is joining the orthopedic care team.

Call today for your appointment.

PAGOSA SPRINGS
Medical Center

First-Class Care Close To Home

970.731.3700 | 95 S. Pagosa Blvd | pagosaspringsmedicalcenter.org



Bestselling author Anne Hillerman here for four special events

By Carole Howard
PREVIEW Columnist, and the library staff

We are proud to host New York Times bestselling author Anne Hillerman next weekend for four special events, one free and three set up as fundraisers by the library foundation for our campaign to renovate and expand your library.

Hillerman is the author of multiple bestselling mysteries that continue the hugely popular Navajo detective series originated by her father, Tony Hillerman.

• Friday, Sept. 13, from 7 to 9 p.m. is a movie event at the library exclusively for Friends of the Library. Tickets are \$30 advance or \$35 at the door and include wine or beer and light snacks. If you're not a Friend, here's a perfect excuse to join.

• Saturday, Sept. 14, from 9 to 11 a.m. is a writer's workshop at the library. The cost is \$25.

• Also Saturday, from 12:30 to 1:15 p.m., is a free meet and greet with the author at the library.

• Also Saturday, from 6 to 8:30 p.m., is a fireside chat with the author at the Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association Clubhouse hosted by former NPR journalist Rick Holter with a cash bar and hors d'oeuvres. Tickets are \$50 in advance and \$55 at the door.

Anne Hillerman lives in New Mexico. She has continued her father's series of Joe Leaphorn-Jim Chee novels following his death, adding officer Bernadette Manuelito as a full partner in solving the crimes. All nine of her books are available at your library for your reading pleasure.

Tickets for the three fundraising events can be purchased at the library or online at pagosalibrary.org.

Online author talks

Our highly popular free online author talks continue with three opportunities in September for you to interact with New York Times bestselling authors and ask questions.

For details and to register, go to <https://libraryc.org/pagosalibrary/upcoming>.

On Sept. 18 at noon, Kate Klemp, Ph.D., co-author of "Start Here: Master the Lifelong Skill of Wellbeing," will discuss "An Expansive Mind in a Distracted World."

On Sept. 21 at 5 p.m., we'll experience "A Deep Dive in Character Development" with novelist Liane Moriarty, author of "Big Little Lies," "The Husband's Secret" and "Apples Never Fall."

Fairy Tale Theatre tomorrow

All ages are invited to a free session to read fairy tales and act out your favorite characters on Friday, Sept. 13 from 2 to 3:30 p.m.

Chess Club Saturday

Learn how to play chess with free



quick lessons and game time to practice your skills on Saturday, Sept. 14, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. All ages and abilities are welcome.

Adult knitting Saturday

Join new and experienced knitters Saturday, Sept. 14, for our free Knitters Circle from 1 to 3 p.m. It is aimed at anyone over the age of 18 who would like to knit together or get some help if you are stuck on your project.

Knitting and crochet lessons

Learn to knit or crochet on Monday, Sept. 16, at our free gathering from 2 to 3:15 p.m. for ages 8 and up. Supplies will be provided.

Music fun Monday

Pagosa Unplugged is free from 4 to 6 p.m. Monday, Sept. 16, for amateur musicians who would like a safe, supportive, non-bar setting to play, sing or both with other people. For information, contact Susan at (970) 946-3396.

Adult DIY next Tuesday

At the free in-person adult DIY next Tuesday, Sept. 17, from 1 to 2:30 p.m., we will enjoy cross-stitch. Learn a pattern that you can take home and work on to build your needlecraft skills. Registration is required.

Spanish conversation

Practice your Spanish in a free group setting on Tuesday, Sept. 17, from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. There is no minimum skill level needed.

Note this group now meets twice a month, on the first and third Tuesdays.

Therapy dog visit

Next Wednesday, Sept. 18, from 11 to 11:45 a.m., all ages are invited to a free visit with a certified therapy dog. The visits will be limited to 10-15 minutes — just the right amount of time to pet the dog, read to the dog or just say "Hi."

Family storytime

Wednesdays from 10 to 11 a.m., join a free educational hour of reading, singing and free play to build early literacy skills.

Teen/tween activity

Join us in the teen area every Wednesday after school from 4 to 4:30 p.m. this month for a fun craft or challenge. Activities will range from taste tests to art challenges to minute-to-win-it-style games.

Writers Guild

Every Thursday from 9 to 11 a.m., the Ruby's Writers Guild welcomes writers looking for opportunities, support, resources and camaraderie with other writers at this free gathering.

The guild has published a new anthology, "Tales from the San Juans," which the members say includes "life musings, creative short fiction, retrospectives, poetry, novellas and short observations — all inspired by the beauty that surrounds us."

The book is available at the library, with net proceeds going to the library's building campaign.

ESL classes

Free in-person evening classes take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays, with 4 to 5 p.m. reserved for beginners, 5 to 6 p.m. for intermediate and 6 to 7 p.m. for advanced students. Please help us share the word about these classes.

Tech Time

Free in-person slots are available
■ See Library on next page



Celebrating 21 Years of Serving You!



Bill & Susan Schwab
Owners & Operators Since 2003

Customer Appreciation Offer

10% OFF

Any Full Service Lube, Oil & Filter Change or Scheduled Maintenance

Bring in or mention this ad for this limited time offer. Shop supplies and tax not included. See the Pros at Piedra Automotive for details. Restrictions apply. May not combine with other offers. Maximum discount \$100. Offer ends 9/30/24.

Piedra Automotive

Please call for appointment
(970) 731-3335
505 Piedra Rd.
Open 7 AM - 6 PM Mon. - Thur.

24 Hour TOWING & EMERGENCY ROADSIDE ASSISTANCE

GRAND OPENING



Friday, Sept. 27 • 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.
NEW LOCATION! 391 Bastille Drive

WEEKEND SPECIAL

Pick up your equipment between noon and 5 p.m. Friday, return Monday by 9 a.m. for a **1-day charge!**

(Hour metered machines allowed 8 hours)

10% OFF
First Rental
at our
NEW LOCATION!

Free Food & Drinks

Enter your name into our drawing for a chance to win a **FREE Grill**, or a camping chair with a matching cooler!

391 Bastille Drive • (970) 731-4410

Seasonal food demonstration planned

By **Rose Chavez**
PREVIEW Columnist

With the peak of the growing season at hand, Archuleta Seniors Inc. (ASI) is excited to welcome Chris and Rue Fredericks, and ASI Executive Director Rose Chavez, public health nutritionist, for a meet and greet with the community on Thursday, Sept. 19, at 1:30 p.m. in the Pagosa Senior Center dining hall.

We will meet to discuss the free Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) program for older adults that is going on this growing season and to enjoy a seasonal food demonstration.

The farmers will give a brief presentation about this summer's free CSA program for older adults and their philosophy in growing food for the community. They have also offered to provide some culinary inspiration and seasonal food preparation suggestions for many of the

Senior News

items they grow.

Come prepared to enjoy an informative food demonstration and seasonal tasting of this low-carbon footprint, nutrient-dense, amazing food grown right here in Archuleta County.

Through a unique partnership with Nourish Colorado and Terra Walk Farm, Archuleta Seniors has been able to provide free weekly organic vegetable boxes to more than 30 older adults and their families in Archuleta County for the 16-week growing season during 2024.

Now we'd like the whole community to get an opportunity to

learn about this program and meet the community members involved. Come celebrate the harvest with us, thank a farmer and be in the community.

For more information, contact ASI at (970) 264-2167.

Resources for those with vision loss or low vision

Are you losing some vision? Are you legally blind? Do you want to build your skills? Would you like to meet others who are also dealing with vision loss?

Join the Colorado Center for the Blind at the Durango Senior Center in Durango, 2424 Main Ave., Tuesday, Sept. 24, from 10 a.m. to noon. There will be an additional afternoon session from 1 to 4 p.m., both at the Durango Senior Center.

You will learn about several resources that will be invaluable to

■ See Senior on next page

Library

■ continued from previous page from 10 a.m. to noon Tuesdays and 2 to 4 p.m. Thursdays. Judy helps you with basic questions relating to computers, smartphones and tablets, and also provides assistance in accessing the library's online resources.

No appointment is needed for these drop-in sessions, but please bring your device's charger and passwords with you.

Pagosa Adult Learning Services (PALS)

Join Mark or Sally for free PALS sessions Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:30 to 8 p.m. to help with high school equivalency, GED, college prep, financial aid, tutoring and more.

Downloadable books

CloudLibrary has a wide variety of downloadable e-books and audiobooks for all ages. To access this free digital collection, download the cloudLibrary app, answer a few simple questions, select AspenCat Union Catalog for the name of your library, then enter your library card number and four-digit PIN. Library staff are happy to help you set up your device if you need assistance.

Mysteries, suspense and thrillers

"Pumpkin Spice Puppy" by Lauren Berenson is a Melanie Travis Canine mystery. "Backwater Justice" by Fern Michaels is a Sisterhood mystery. "Spirit Crossing" by William Kent Krueger is a Cork O'Connor mystery that follows the death of a young Ojibwe woman. "Shadow State" by M.P. Woodward features Tom Clancy's Jack Ryan Jr. hero.

Other novels

"By Any Other Name" by Jodi

Picoult is a story of two women centuries apart forced to write under men's names. "Joy" by Danielle Steel features a woman dealing with a husband changed by the horrors of the Afghanistan war. "Beyond Ivy Walls" by Rachel Fordham tells of two people exiled by their family long ago. "The Legacy" by Carol Ashby is book three in the Light in the Empire fantasy series. "Where Trees Touch the Sky" by Karen Barnett follows the life of a woman determined to save the California redwoods.

Nonfiction

"Becoming Little Shell: Returning Home to the Landless Indians of Montana" by Chris La Tray is a memoir of a Metis storyteller searching for his roots. "The Ink War: Romanticism versus Modernity in Chess" by chess international master Willy Hendriks explores the rivalry of two of the world's strongest chess players in the late 19th century and their contributions to the game.

Donation guidelines

When we are open, material donations are accepted for the Friends of the Library at the front desk — not down the outside returns slot at the library or the drop box at City Market, please.

Guidelines for donations: Yes to popular fiction books published in 2013 or later, nonfiction books published 2018 or later, and children's and young adult books — all in excellent condition, please. No to CDs, DVDs, Blu-ray, VHS or cassette tapes; textbooks, outdated travel books or reference books because they do not sell. No more than two boxes at a time because of space constraints.

Quotable quote

"I always tell my kids that chal-

lenges are the poetry of your life. You wouldn't know hot if you didn't know cold. You wouldn't have appreciation for the good times without going through the hard times." — Pamela Anderson, Canadian-American actress, model and media personality.

Website

For more information on library books, services and programs — and to reserve books, e-books, books on CD and DVDs from the comfort of your home — please visit our website at <https://pagosalibrary.org>.

Airport Shuttle & Taxi Service

PUC 55878

Food & Grocery Delivery • Doctor's Visits
Serving Durango to South Fork and metro Pagosa

The friendly service

PAGOSA CAB

Call today to schedule! (970) 398-0123

Why pay more?



FULL REMODELS | TRIM | CABINETS
CLOSETS | KITCHENS | ENTRYWAYS
GENERAL CONTRACTING

32 years experience, insured, references available upon request

FREE QUOTES, SENIOR DISCOUNT

(970) 209-8960

INTEGRATREE.COM

PROFESSIONAL AUTOMOTIVE DETAILING

- Interior/Exterior Auto Detailing
- Certified Ceramic Coating Specialist
- Carpet and Seat Shampooing
- Paint Correction
- Monthly Maintenance Detailing

Not only clean your vehicle but protect your investment.



► Call 970-699-2872 ◀

Artisan Auto

artisanautopdr.com

TUESDAY
10.08.24

Elizabeth SMART



PAGOSA
CENTER FOR
THE ARTS

12 - 1 PM

LUNCHEON
TICKETS - \$35

TICKET INFO:

www.swcommunityfoundation.org

Seniors

■ **continued from previous page**

you. They will provide hands-on learning experiences: techniques for independent travel, organizing your home, using your smartphone, reading books and much more. In the afternoon from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., they will provide individualized training and consultative services.

This free resource and training workshop is for low-vision and blind people of all ages, their families and friends. If you are unable to travel to Durango from Pagosa, ASI staff will have a resource sheet available shortly after the event and details to provide referrals.

This is sponsored by the National Federations of the Blind of Colorado and the Colorado Center for the Blind.

Fresh Conversations

Are you interested in learning more about your blood and how to keep it healthy? Please join us for the Fresh Conversations nutrition education gathering this month and learn about anemia — signs and symptoms, and how to avoid it. You'll also learn about the benefits of flexibility and stretching in your daily life.

We will meet Friday, Sept. 13, at 1:15 p.m. at the Pagosa Senior Center dining hall, 415 Hot Springs Blvd., in the back of the Ross Aragon Community Center.

Don't forget that we always have a seasonal recipe tasting and movement to get you feeling limber and uplifted.

Healthy aging and yoga therapy classes series

The Healthy Aging Yoga Series continues to be offered in person at the Pagosa Senior Center on Mondays from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.

It is structured by therapeutic yoga tools and techniques with chair movement, standing stretches, gentle postures, breathing practices and

reflective meditative moments.

Monthly themes for the series include topics such as sustainable strength for healthy aging individuals, brain health, heart and cardiovascular health, mental and emotional well-being, community connections, and stress management, to name a few.

Classes will be educational for participants to utilize practices in daily life and are meant for all levels of experience with yoga.

Mats and chairs will be provided at the Senior Center. Some blocks and Therabands are available, too. The addition of yoga props is always welcomed.

We request that individuals new to the series arrive early for intake inquiries and to please communicate with our new instructor, Kimberly Anderson, directly by email at zinkgraf@gmail.com.

Stretching and mobility class

Community members are invited to attend new free weekly classes every Tuesday this fall and winter from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at the Pagosa Senior Center (located at 451 Hot Springs Blvd., in the back of the Ross Aragon Community Center).

The stretching and mobility classes for older adults (age 55 and up) are designed to help build balance in the body through functional exercises that aim to improve mobility and flexibility.

Participants will have the opportunity to enjoy a variety of techniques that can help enhance overall movement efficiency.

Though not necessary, a mat is recommended for this class.

The program is instructed by local ballet dance instructor Dee Pitchon, who will provide modifications to ensure the safety and effectiveness of the exercises.

Bingo

The Senior Center will be hosting

bingo twice a month on Friday afternoons from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.

Bingo will be on Sept. 20, Sept. 27, Oct. 4 and Oct. 11.

Participation is free, and we ask you bring yourself and a friend for joyful fellowship. We will provide prizes from local businesses for all winners, and snacks will also be provided.

No RSVP is required; just show up. All ages are welcome, but we ask those 18 and younger to come with an adult chaperone.

For more information, contact us at (970) 264-2167.

Emotional Freedom Technique sessions

Join Judith Newman at the Pagosa Senior Center (451 Hot Springs Blvd.) the second Wednesday of each month — Sept. 11 and Oct. 9 — to learn and/or refresh your Emotional Freedom Technique, also known as tapping skills, to support yourself with self-care, relief from anxiety and community support.

All classes start at 10 a.m. and last 45 minutes to an hour. Please bring a friend or come alone. All are welcome.

■ **See Senior on next page**

Precision Autobody & Collision Pagosa's premier collision repair facility

We work with all major insurance companies



Deer & Elk strikes, Fender Benders, Dents, Dings, Hail Damage, Expert Color Matching & Windshields. We do it all!

**Precision Autobody & Collision (970) 731-3111
667 Cloman Blvd. Pagosa Springs CO 81147**

A1 Taxi Service

970-585-4903

**8am-8pm Sunday-Thursday
8am-10pm Friday and Saturday
or by appointment!**

Reliability Matters!

Fully licensed and insured!
Smoke-free vehicles!
Local discount system- just ask!

Courtesy Counts!



PUC 16400, MCT 0021, DOT 2842985

Re-elect Warren Brown

County Commissioner District 1



As your District 1 County Commissioner, I have focused on improving our quality of life through limiting risks we face in seeking out basic services, improving our ability to secure food for ourselves and supporting educational funding opportunities to teach our school age children and provide new skills and improved skill sets to many in our workforce.

I understand that relationships matter! For the last four years I have consistently and continually reached out to work with you, our community members, our local and regional elected officials, our State Senators, our House of Representative members and our Congressional Representatives and United States Senators without regard to political affiliation so we can serve you to the best of our collective ability.

As a former small business owner, I am all too familiar with the daily challenges our business community faces, to include employee hiring and retention and paying competitive wages and benefits. As someone who has purchased a home in our community, I understand many of the barriers faced by homebuyers. That is why championing attainable housing, whether it is through our Community Development Corporation or Habitat for Humanity just makes sense. **Teamwork among public and private entities** can make a dent in the housing challenge we face.

Lastly, I have worked tirelessly to **keep every campaign promise I made to you.** In doing so, it is my wish that my political legacy will have been to raise your expectations of what a county commissioner should be. I hope that we collectively demand that future commissioners commit to making this responsibility a full-time job and that we insist on having accountable commissioners who are genuinely interested in **faithfully serving you** the citizens of our wonderful county.

**I am Warren Brown; it has been my honor serving you.
I hope to continue to have this privilege, and I am asking you for your vote
in the General Election, Tuesday November 5, 2024.**



Facebook: Committee to Re-Elect Warren Brown • <https://www.electwarrenbrown.com>
Instagram.com/electwarrenbrown • email: info@electwarrenbrown.com

Paid for by Committee to Re-Elect Warren Brown
Archuleta County Commissioner District 1. Warren Brown Registered Agent.

Friendly Mountain Tree Care

Present this ad to
Receive 10% Off
Your 1st Service

- 15 Years Experience
- Pruning and Trimming
- Technical and Hazard Removals
- Fire Mitigation and Roof Clearance
- Fully Insured

(970)903-7905 (970)903-7903

FriendlyMountainTreeCare@gmail.com

Seniors

■ continued from previous page

T'ai Chi Chih

The Senior Center offers T'ai Chi Chih with accredited instructor Patti Popovich each Thursday from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. to support older adults who want to discover purpose and fulfillment in this transitional phase of life. Meet at the gazebo in Yamaguchi Park, 684 S. 5th St.

T'ai Chi Chih is not a martial art, but rather a tool for self-healing. Softness, flow and effortlessness are the guiding principles in this practice.

All classes will be free for older adults (age 60 and better) and will last approximately one hour in the dining hall.

No special clothing or equipment is required.

For more information, call (970) 264-2167.

Senior Conversations

Join us Mondays at 1:15 p.m. for a series of "Senior Conversations" with local Bill Salmansohn.

He will lead the group through mindfulness exercises and discussion of various topics pertaining to aging in Archuleta County. Explore and discover for yourself answers to your questions and concerns.

The meeting will be held in the Senior Center in the dining hall. Snacks will be provided.

Share lunch Monday through Friday

Join us at the Silver Fox's Den, aka the Community Cafe, in person for daily hot/cold meals Mondays through Thursdays at the Community Center between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. It is open to all. Pickup is available all week, including Fridays.

Our dining hall is open to all ages and welcomes you all with kindness and warmth. We provide hot/cold meals for anyone in the community interested in a nutritious and delicious

meal. For those 60 or older we request a suggested donation of \$6, but no one will be turned away. There is a \$10.50 charge for guests under the age of 60.

Meals include a main course, side dish, fruit/dessert, garden salad plus beverage. Some popular menu items include Frito chili pie, pork tenderloin with harvest chutney, Singaporean pork ribs, vegetarian lasagna, Hawaiian shrimp with coconut rice and always a beautiful green salad. Many of our items are locally sourced and organic.

Our chef works with a team of local food professionals to hand-prepare your meal for dine-in service in our cozy dining room (with an amazing view of the San Juans) or for takeout (via our convenient drive-through). Our menu changes daily.

To reserve your meal for the day, please make your reservation via text or phone call to (970) 264-2167 by 9 a.m. weekdays.

Community Cafe menu

Thursday, Sept. 12 — Codfish Veracruz, roasted asparagus, garden salad, fruit, blueberry muffin and milk.

Friday, Sept. 13 — Pork posole, cabbage, radishes and onions, lime, tortilla, garden salad, fruit and milk.

Monday, Sept. 16 — Beef meatloaf, baby baked potatoes, garden salad, fruit, lemon cookies and milk.

Tuesday, Sept. 17 — Chicken tom kha soup, roasted bok choy, almond croissant, garden salad, vanilla yogurt, fruit and milk.

Wednesday, Sept. 18 — Tuna melt on sourdough, Parmesan-crusted zucchini, garden salad, fruit, brownie and milk.

Thursday, Sept. 19 — Singapore coffee pork ribs, vegetable fried rice, snow peas, garden salad, fruit, chai pudding and milk.

Friday, Sept. 20 — Butternut squash, sage and mushroom lasagna; wilted spinach and onions; garden salad; fruit; carrot cake; and milk.

Grab-N-Go meals

Dine-in and Grab-N-Go meal reservations and cancellations are required. Please call or text by 9 a.m. the morning of the day you want to pickup a meal. A suggested donation of \$6 helps to sustain our program. For ages 59 and younger, the cost is \$10.50. No one will be turned away for their inability to donate. Please call or text us at (970) 264-2167 to make a reservation.

■ See Senior on next page

HUD Publisher's Notice



**EQUAL HOUSING
OPPORTUNITY**

All real estate advertising in this newspaper is subject to the Fair Housing act which makes it illegal to advertise "any preference limitation or discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status, or national origin, or an intention, to make such preference, limitation or discrimination." Familial status includes children under the age of 18 living with parents or legal custodians, pregnant women and people securing custody of children under 18.

This newspaper will not knowingly accept any advertising for real estate which is in violation of the law. Our readers are hereby informed that all dwellings advertised in this newspaper are available on an equal opportunity basis. To complain of discrimination call HUD toll-free at 1-800-669-9777. The toll-free number for the hearing impaired is 1-800-927-9275.

SUDOKU

	8		1			4	7	6
5			7	8				
		3				8		
3			9		1		2	
7	2		3			5		1
4		1		5	7			3
	3	5						
9		2			6		3	
8	1	7	4	9				

Level: Beginner

Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

Level: Beginner

			9	4	7	1	8	
	3		6		2		9	
					5	3		
3			7	5		1	4	
1		5			3		2	7
	2		1		9			3
		8				3		
				8	7			5
	4	7	6		1		8	

ANSWER:



FREE QUOTES
706-410-4997

INFO@SANJUANARBORISTS.COM
LICENSED • BONDED • INSURED

SAN JUAN ARBORISTS
TREE SERVICE PROVIDER

- Tree Trimming and Pruning
- Hazard Tree Removals
- Lot Clearing & Fire Mitigation
- Cabling and Bracing



Seniors

Meals on Wheels

■ continued from previous page
We deliver fresh Meals on Wheels five days a week (and provide frozen Meals on Wheels for weekends) to homebound Archuleta County residents. Call or text us at (970) 264-2167.

Mobile food pantry service

Older adults needing a ride to a local food pantry should contact the MET to schedule a ride with its para-transit service. For more information, contact Lavonne at (970) 264-2250.

Text reservations

Don't forget that we offer a convenient texting service for you to communicate with us. Text us at (970) 264-2167. When texting, please include your name, phone number and the days you want a meal. If you are canceling a reservation, please include your name, phone number and the days you want to cancel.

Texting services are available for dine-in meal reservations, Grab-n-Go meals and Meals on Wheels recipients.

COVID-19 test kits

The Senior Center will no longer be distributing free COVID-19 test kits.

Please stop by the Archuleta County Public Health Department at 502 S. 8th St. These kits are available to anyone in the public that needs affordable access for health promotion and disease prevention.

Mahjong

Mahjong is a 19th century Chinese tile-based game that is commonly

played with four players. Each player receives 13 tiles with a goal to make matching sets and pairs (like poker). To win, a player must form four sets and one pair.

Come to the Senior Center to learn or play every Tuesday at 1:15 p.m.

Medicare call by appointment

For anyone who needs help enrolling and navigating Medicare plans, the San Juan Basin Area Agency on Aging helps with parts A, B and D. They can also help you with fraud concerns and troubleshooting any billing issues you may be having. By appointment only. Please call the Medicare line at (970) 264-0501, ext 2.

Bridge

The longest-played bridge game in Archuleta County takes place on Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 1:15 p.m.

Bridge is a four-player card game with partners sitting opposite each other around a table. It is a trick-taking card game using a standard 52-card deck. Come alone or bring a partner.

Hand and foot card game

Whether you are new to hand and foot or interested in learning, please join us most Tuesdays at 1:15 at the Senior Center.

This card game involves four rounds of playing until the final round is reached — some two to three hours later. Plan to stay and meet some new friends or catch up with those you have missed over the last couple of years.

No experience is necessary, so come willing to learn.

Board vacancies

The ASI Board of Directors has multiple vacant positions open. The terms are three years with an option to renew for an additional term.

Potential candidates should be at least 21 years of age or older and must have a passion for adult and aging services.

WINDOW COVERINGS

Always deep discounts

Cathy Justus W.F.C.P.

Window Fashions Certified Professional

FREE CORDLESS OPTION on select Graber products
FREE installation with purchase

blinds • shades • verticals • draperies • valances
bedspreads • bed skirts • pillows • cushions • & more

Helping Pagosans and beyond to make their house a home since 1986.

264-4462



Live Your Colorado Dream!



\$15K in closing costs

65 Caballero Drive
\$829,000

MLS # 811817

This home is perfectly located on approximately an acre of land in the Pagosa Lakes area. Open the back door and a 700 sq ft deck will provide additional space for a BBQ grill, plenty of outdoor seating, and a new hot tub for your relaxation and enjoyment. 4 beds/2.5 baths with 2,350 sq. ft.

To tour this home go to:
<https://tinyurl.com/65Caballero>



1135 Park Avenue, Unit 401
\$609,000

MLS # 813453

Beautiful end unit townhome in Whispering Pines! No neighbors directly behind you as this area has a picnic table, a gazebo and feels like an extension of your own backyard right off the lower patio. 2 beds/2.5 baths with 2,044 sq. ft.

To tour this home go to:
<https://tinyurl.com/1135ParkAve>



1001 Soaring Eagle Court
\$925,000

MLS # 813551

2 Bed, 2 Bath, 2,073 sq foot house on 36.44 acres. Navajo River Ranch has 2 private entrances into the forest. This home has wonderful views of the San Juan Mountain Range and great decks. 2 tributaries come together to form a seasonal creek called Oil Well Creek on the property.

To tour this home go to:
<https://tinyurl.com/1001SoaringEagleCourt>



Cloman Industrial Park
\$380,000

MLS # 807337

.68 Acre, 1500 sq. ft. commercial building located in Cloman Industrial Park. There is enough property to build another building or make a large wrap around parking lot. There is a 3000 BYU gas heater and a 40 gallon hot water heater.



2453 Running Horse Place
\$2,250,000

MLS # 813104

35.2 Acres with a guest house and set up for horses. The property comes with an extra workshop/garage, a growing dome, a round pen, 3 stall + barn and numerous out buildings. The main house is 5,141 sq. ft. and the guest house is 2,028 sq. ft.

To tour this home go to:
<https://tinyurl.com/2453RunningHorse>



247 Davis Cup Drive, Unit 4258
\$355,000

MLS # 811750

Great condo with the primary bedroom on the main level and a second spacious bedroom on the second level. Updated kitchen with granite countertops and newer appliances. 2 beds/3 baths with 1,345 sq. ft.

To tour this home go to:
<https://tinyurl.com/247DavisCup>



125 Coyote Drive • \$620,000

MLS # 817374

One owner 2nd home has 3.12 acres, 3 bedrooms, 3 baths. The master is on the ground floor, front deck and back porch are covered.



Shellie Hogue
REALTOR®, BROKER
C: 970.759.8109
ShellieCHogue@gmail.com
www.shelliehogue.com



Gail Brault
REALTOR®, Broker Associate
C: 970.946.2051
GailBrault1957@gmail.com



Barbara Swindlehurst
REALTOR®, BROKER/ OWNER
C: 303.618.7423
Barbara@MountainMeadowRealEstate.com

409 Lewis Street | P.O. Box 3850 | Pagosa Springs, CO 81147
MountainMeadowRealEstate.info • office: 970.264.6673

An Autumn Encore

of the 19th Hole Concerts

At the Pagosa Springs Golf Club

With Bob Hemenger

Thursday, September 19
5:00-6:30pm

\$10 ticket supports local nonprofits

Proceeds support the Archuleta County Fund of the Community Foundation which provides annual grantings to local organizations.

Food and drinks available for purchase

Silent Auction!

No outside food/drinks or pets, please!

Unitarian Universalists to begin new series of services

By De Anna L. Hoyle
Pagosa Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

The Pagosa Unitarian Universalist (UU) Fellowship introduces the start of a new series of services: "What the World Needs Now - Universalism in a Polarized Age."

In collaboration with the Foothills Unitarian Church of Fort Collins, we welcome all to hear from the professional ministry team at Foothills Unitarian through streamed sermons and worship elements as we explore the good news of Universalism.

The Sunday, Sept. 15, service, entitled "Them," by the Rev. Sean Neil-Barron, explores the how and why of resisting the constant pull toward tribalism and othering in our polarized age.

We are presenting this series as an antidote to election anxiety, and will explore the challenges of living into the Universalist belief that everyone is worthy of love, especially in a world filled with divisiveness.

The "What Our World Needs Now" series also highlights how irritation and outrage can overshadow our commitment to a broader, more inclusive love. It invites us to get

curious about these challenges we all face, and together build resilience and courage to widen the circle of love.

New offering

The Pagosa UU Fellowship is also announcing a new offering, "Going Deeper with Small Group Ministry," beginning Sunday, Sept. 22, from 11 a.m. to 12:30 pm.

This setting will offer an opportunity for deep contemplation and sharing of the themes presented during the previous Sunday worship. Stay tuned as future dates may be added as the series continues into October.

During these small group gatherings, we will continue the conversation and communion with one another as we explore with curiosity and wondering questions on the presented series "What the World Needs Now." "Exploring Fear and Its Influence" and "Universalism and the Challenge of 'Us vs. Them'" are just a couple of the themes that will be explored.

These gatherings will be held at the fellowship, and you are invited to bring a sack lunch; beverages and

sweets will be provided. De Anna Hoyle, community engagement coordinator and trained spiritual companion, along with lay leaders from the congregation, will facilitate.

We invite all interested to join us; attendance at the previous Sunday service not a requirement.

About the Pagosa UU Fellowship

Pagosa UU Fellowship in-person services are normally on the first and third Sundays of the month.

Join us in Unit B-15 of the Greenbriar Plaza, 301 N. Pagosa Blvd., on the north side facing Pagosa Peak. Online services continue through Zoom using the following meeting link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8991941305>.

In-person meditation practice is held most second and fourth Sundays at 9 a.m. If you are interested in meditation Sundays, we encourage you to email PagosaUUF@gmail.com so you can be added to the contact list. This way you will be informed of cancellations and other notices.

We welcome diversity and invite everyone to share in our faith community. For additional information about the fellowship, please see www.pagosauu.org.

PCCS
Pagosa Climate Controlled Storage
341 Harman Park, Pagosa Springs
970-628-0607
allstoragepagosa.net
ALL INDOOR
3x5 | 5x10 | 10x10 | 10x15

OIL CHANGE & MORE
No Appointment Necessary!

- \$7 OFF** Any Full Service Oil Change
- \$12 OFF** Any Full Service Synthetic Oil Change
- \$25 OFF** Any Transmission Flush

Pagosa Express Lube
1985 Eagle Drive
(970) 731-1400
Next to Advance Auto Parts
Locally Owned/Operated

National Back to Church Sunday set for Sept. 15

By Shanna Robb
PREVIEW Columnist

Did you know that there is a National Cat Herder Day, National Squirrel Appreciation Day and an International Bacon Day? Yes, these are among an onslaught of national and international days that are designated to appreciate something or someone of interest.

Cats, squirrels and bacon are all awesome, but what if you could participate in a National Day that appreciates someone who isn't just a one-day wonder? What if your participation could ignite a positive chain reaction where every day is appreciated?

The National Back to Church Sunday movement is just that. Celebrated

A Matter of Faith

on the third Sunday of September, which will be Sept. 15 this year, this single-day event aims to invite communities to attend church.

Those who have strayed from regular church attendance or are still looking for a faith community are encouraged to take a leap of faith and attend church on Sept. 15. Those who are already actively participating in a church are asked, "Whom are you called to invite home?"

■ See Faith on next page

Ski & Winter Gear Sale!
Saturday & Sunday
Sept. 28th & 29th
10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Demo Skis * Goggles * Helmets * Ski Boots
Ski & Snowboarding Clothing:
Base Layers * Beanies * Gloves

New & Used End-of-Season Closeouts

Only at Pagosa Ski Rentals Parking Lot 350 Pagosa Street

New, old stock Previous years' models

JIM GARRETT
♦ ATTORNEY ♦
Protecting your interests
LITIGATION, CRIMINAL DEFENSE
BUSINESS, REAL ESTATE, WILLS
New location: Downtown, above the theatre
422 PAGOSA ST., NO. 5
970-880-0468 • 412-508-1060
P.O. BOX 3265, PAGOSA SPRINGS • jyg44law@gmail.com



Photo courtesy Shanna Robb
Prayer quilts created by the Pagosa Catholic Quilt Ministry are blessed during the Sept. 5 daily Mass by Father Francis Ejiro Ekere, a visiting Catholic priest from Nigeria. To date, 35 prayer quilts have been gifted.

RENT A CAR

PAGOSA AUTO RENTS

- Local
- Nights and Weekends
- Delivery Available!

Visit pagosaautorents.com

(970) 585-9181

We'd love to be your propane supplier

Local. Knowledgeable.
Dependable & Reliable
Independently Owned and Operated
Best in Customer Service
Proven Safety Record
Over 150 Years Combined Experience



Benefits of propane:
Environmentally friendly, non-toxic, efficient,
clean burning, less greenhouse emissions
Call us today!



Arrowhead Propane, Inc.
970-582-3225
arrowheadpropaneco.com

*We built our business on Excellence & Customer Service
Give us a call and experience the difference.*

Faith

■ **continued from previous page**
There are many excuses for displacing the priority of going to church. The movement, however, puts responsibility on the shoulders of parishioners by revealing that, while "only 5% of Americans have received a personal invitation to church, 80% of Americans would be open to attending church if invited by a friend."
This sobering accountability has created a renewed effort among many parishes to invite people back to church. For instance, the Catholic Church in America is encouraging their parishioners to "Walk With One" as part of their "Invite One Back Initiative."
More than ever, people need a faith community that gives them true purpose and identity built upon God's unwavering love, mercy and forgiveness. Attending church regularly allows individuals to be-

come part of a community based on their shared identity as children of God.
Scripture emphasizes the importance of gathering as the people of God in Matthew 18:20, "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."
We are all invited to participate, but many are waiting to be invited.
This is your invitation to join Christians across America on Sept. 15 for the National Back to Church Sunday. We are God's priority, so let us make Him our priority moving forward.
Come. Participate. Invite. Appreciate. It is much easier than herding cats.
This column may include both fiction and nonfiction, and views expressed do not necessarily represent those of The SUN. Submissions can be sent to editor@pagosasun.com.

PAGOSA SPRINGS APPLIANCE REPAIR

LLC

45 YEARS EXPERIENCE
LICENSED AND INSURED

Olen McCasland
970-585-4977

pagosaspringsappliancerepair@gmail.com

Bird of the Week



Photo courtesy Charles Martinez

This week's Bird of the Week, compliments of the Weminuche Audubon Society and Audubon Rockies, is the solitary sandpiper.

These sandpipers are rule breakers that show up in our area during their spring and fall migrations between far northern breeding grounds and winter ranges in South and Central America. Several unusual behaviors set these sandpipers apart from their relatives in the Tringa genus of birds.

As their name suggests, these birds migrate singly, or at most travel in small numbers, rather than in the larger flocks typical of sandpipers. Solitary sandpipers are aggressive and territorial year-round. They hunt for insects, crustaceans, mollusks and amphibians by sight at the surface of shallow water or on muddy shores.

They do not favor the coastal habitats of other sandpipers and instead inhabit freshwater wetlands and wooded swamps, not places where you would usually look for a shorebird. In migration they can show up in almost any puddle of water, from the city to a higher-elevation forest.

In a behavior rare among sandpipers, solitary sandpipers lay their eggs in trees rather than on the ground, using the old nests of songbirds including robins, waxwings and Canada jays. They are one of only two sandpiper species known to do so.

Most of these sandpipers nest in muskeg bogs in the northern boreal forests of Canada. In these wet environments, dead plants decompose slowly into a spongy layer of peat and trees are stunted.

These inhospitable and inaccessible breeding habitats have made the solitary sandpiper one of the least-known shorebirds. Young birds apparently jump out of the nest soon after hatching and begin feeding on their own. Little more is known about this stage of their development.

These small, slender shorebirds are identified by neat white spots on the back; a prominent white eye-ring; and long, olive-colored legs. They and many other colorful birds have been seen in the Vista pond area recently.

For information on events, visit www.weminucheadubon.org and www.facebook.com/weminucheadubon/.



**YOU MADE
THE RIGHT
CHOICE.**

**The Pagosa Springs SUN
264-2100**

Affordable hearing healthcare for all

HURST HEARING

2343A Eagle Dr • Pagosa Springs

(970) 444-2314

hursthearing.com



CAN MORE SUN EXPOSURE LEAD TO LOWER CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE RISK?

When it comes to protecting, managing, and regaining overall health, Vitamin D has proven to be most effective. The naturally occurring, sun-derived Vitamin D provides proactive defense against most common lifestyle diseases, including cardiovascular disease. The effect of vitamin D on your heart is the basis of today's research excerpt. The farther north you live, the more likely you will suffer a heart attack. That curious observation led to the suspicion that vitamin D may somehow be related to the development of heart disease. It suggests that sunlight exposure may somehow provide a protective effect, perhaps through vitamin D.



The notable exception to this pattern is the Eskimos, who eat large quantities of oily fish, a rich source of vitamin D and omega-3 fatty acids.

An early hint that deficiency of vitamin D might be behind heart disease came from a New Zealand study of 179 people presenting with heart attacks. Heart attack sufferers proved to have lower vitamin D blood levels (25-hydroxyvitamin D) compared to people without heart attacks.

A corroborating observation emerged from analysis of the enormous database of 259,891 heart attacks maintained by the National Registry of Myocardial Infarction. In this nationwide tabulation, heart attacks surged by 53% during sun-deprived winter months compared to summer.

Further corroboration came from observations in sub-tropical climates, where intense sun shines year-round and seasonal variation in heart attack rates doesn't occur. Unlike the large ranges in cold or hot weather found in temperate regions, the warm climate of a subtropical region does not affect the frequency of heart attacks.

If vitamin D is indeed related to heart disease risk, then we would also expect to see fewer heart attacks in sunny climates and more heart attacks in cooler climates. Indeed, an exhaustive study performed by Dr. David Grimes and colleagues at the Blackburn Royal Infirmary in England demonstrated a consistent worldwide relationship between sunlight exposure and heart disease: the farther north in latitude, the more heart attacks occurred.

Dr. Grimes and others have suggested that the vitamin D activated by sunlight is behind the reduced risk of heart disease.

Source: "Vitamin D's Crucial Role in Cardiovascular Protection." By William Davis.

Bonus Tip: Visit <http://www.AmazingFacts.org> for spiritual refreshment every week!

"Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth." 3 John 1:2

A public service from your Adventist friends & neighbors at Pagosa Springs Seventh Day Adventist Church.

Disclaimer: This and all our Nature's Remedies are for health information purposes only. The Seventh Day Adventist Church is not responsible for results.



**Seventh-day
Adventist® Church**

A PROTESTANT DENOMINATION

40 Oren Road • 970-731-1005

Preview Calendar

All events listed in *The PREVIEW Calendar* are free of charge unless otherwise noted.

Thursday, Sept. 12

Outdoor Pickleball. 8 a.m.-noon, Yamaguchi Park South pickleball courts.

Ruby's Writers Guild. 9-11 a.m., Sisson Library. Ruby's Writers Guild welcomes writers who are looking for opportunities, support and camaraderie with other writers. Members will provide support, resources and guidance for each other.

Guided Great House Tour. 10:30 a.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. This guided tour takes visitors 1/3 mile up the Great Pueblo Trail. Tickets are \$12 for ages 13 and up and \$6 for ages 5-12. Registration is required 12 hours in advance via rec.gov. For more information, visit www.chimneyrockco.org.

T'ai Chi Chih. 1:30-2:30, Yamaguchi Park. Free for those 60 and better.

Tech Time. 2-4 p.m., Sisson Library. Basic questions related to computers, smartphones, tablets, etc. Bring your device charger. We provide assistance with accessing any of the library's online resources. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

English as a Second Language. 4-7 p.m., Sisson Library. Your library offers English as a second language classes. These classes are

free. Call (970) 264-2209 or email for more information. Beginning students are encouraged to attend from 4-5 p.m., intermediate students from 5-6 p.m. and advanced students from 6-7 p.m.

PALS Adult Education. 5:30-8 p.m., Sisson Library. Pagosa Adult Learning Services, or PALS, can help you with high school equivalency, GED, college prep, financial aid, tutoring and more. Mark can help you develop a plan to achieve your education goals. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

Friday, Sept. 13

Mysteries of Chimney Rock Tour. 8-10:15 a.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. This tour spotlights topics aimed at interpreting the history and significance of Chimney Rock and the Ancestral Puebloans. Tickets are \$20 for ages 13 and up, \$10 for ages 5-15, and under 5 are free. Registration is required 12 hours in advance via rec.gov. For more information, visit www.chimneyrockco.org.

Indoor Pickleball. 8-11:30 a.m., Ross Aragon Community Center.

Outdoor Pickleball. 8 a.m.-noon, Yamaguchi Park South pickleball courts.

Guided Great House Tour. 10:30 a.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. This guided tour takes visitors 1/3 mile up the Great

■ See Calendar on next page

SpiritFire Inspirational Living Center announces upcoming events

By Shayla McClure
SpiritFire Inspirational Living Center

Friday, Sept. 13, will feature free lectures on pet-related subjects from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. for the "Blessing of the Animals" at the SpiritFire Center at Pagosa Lodge. Text or call for the list of subjects, (970) 510-0309.

On Saturday, Sept. 14, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. will be the "Blessing of the Animals" fundraiser. Tickets are \$10. There will be lectures, presentations, pipe ceremony blessing with Grandmother Fire Eagle.

Bring pictures of your pets for a beautiful blessing and honoring of your animal family.

Upcoming events

Sept. 13-14: Blessing of the Animals with Julie Loar, Grandmother Fire Eagle and Shayla White Eagle. Tickets are on sale now for \$10. Contact (970) 510-0309.

Sept. 17, 6 p.m.: Illuminations lecture series, "Get Your Genius Out of the Box to Create a Successful and Soulful Business" with Dr. Elaine Harding, spiritual feng shui teacher, speaker, and author. A love donation will be accepted.

Sept. 24, 6 p.m.: Illuminations lec-

ture series, "How Toxic Environmental Factors Affect Your Health and How to De-Tox" with Dave Carpenter, author, naturopathic doctor and veterans supporter. A love donation will be accepted.

About us

SpiritFire Inspirational Living Center is a 501(c)(3). We are an all-inclusive community honoring all lifestyles, cultures and religious paths to the Divine. We are the "Good Vibe Tribe" who practices Science of Mind principles of positive thinking.

The vision of SpiritFire Inspirational Living Center is to empower each participating member to become their "best self." Our mission is to create a world that works for everyone through self empowerment and awareness of the creator's divinity.

We welcome local talents to share gifts, aptitudes, and knowledge.

SpiritFire Inspirational Living Center events are held at 3505 W. U.S. 160, on the second floor of the Pagosa Lodge (elevator available). Obtain information by joining us; emailing pagosacommunitynewthought@gmail.com; mailing P.O. Box 1052, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147; or calling (970) 510-0309.

The Weekly Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

ACROSS

- 1 Sonata finale
- 5 Laundry problem
- 10 Chick's chirp
- 14 Beat anagram
- 15 Around
- 16 Wheel connector
- 17 Get checkmated
- 18 Hertz rival
- 20 Morris Albert hit
- 22 Moon feature
- 23 Emulates the sun
- 24 Hens' home
- 25 Jackpot numbers
- 27 Like minor defects
- 31 Wide-eyed
- 32 Applegate, for one
- 33 Pot top
- 34 Rap sheet item
- 35 Do damage to
- 36 Battery type
- 39 1992 film, "___ of a Woman"
- 41 Out of the ordinary
- 42 Folds under pressure
- 43 Preside at tea
- 44 Genetic double
- 45 Stocks and such
- 48 Skin cream ingredient
- 51 Spreading of a pathogen
- 53 Vast
- 54 Word-of-mouth
- 55 Pontificate
- 56 Geom. Figure
- 57 Lock openers
- 58 Supermarket section
- 59 ___ bien

DOWN

- 1 Ranch newborn
- 2 Slender reed

1	2	3	4		5	6	7	8	9		10	11	12	13
14					15						16			
17					18					19				
20				21					22					
		23						24						
25	26						27					28	29	30
31						32								
33					34						35			
36			37	38						39	40			
41									42					
			43					44						
45	46	47					48						49	50
51							52				53			
54						55					56			
57						58					59			

Copyright 2024 by The Puzzle Syndicate

- 3 Rightfully
- 4 Artist's studio
- 5 Spectacles
- 6 Tiny bell sounds
- 7 Liberal pursuits
- 8 Rink surface
- 9 Deep stupor
- 10 Balcony barrier
- 11 Off-ramp
- 12 Apart from this
- 13 Look narrowly
- 19 High-school dances
- 21 Does not exist
- 24 Shade of pink
- 25 Spicy dip
- 26 "Silas Marner" author
- 27 Put on ice
- 28 Track official
- 29 Mindless
- 30 Supermarket sights
- 32 Unclouded
- 34 Get used to
- 37 Kind of court
- 38 Mob scenes
- 39 Loafer, e.g.
- 40 Score a spare
- 42 Finalizes, like a deal
- 44 "J. Edgar" director
- 45 Run ___ (go crazy)
- 46 Bone-dry
- 47 Stick around
- 48 Where Bhutan is
- 49 Wedding shower?
- 50 Plays a part
- 52 Big brute

Answers to Previous Crossword:

M	A	C	A	W		F	E	M	A		A	G	E	S			
A	T	O	N	E		I	T	E	M		B	E	L	T			
N	O	M	D	E	P	L	U	M	E		D	E	L	I			
E	M	M	A		L	E	D	E	R	H	O	S	E	N			
					I	N	S	U	R	E		C	E	M	E	N	T
F	A	T	T	E	R				W	E	R	E					
I	N	T	E	R	A	L	I	A			A	N	I	M	E		
J	O	E			G	L	A	C	I	A	L			M	O	W	
I	N	D	I	E			S	E	L	F	D	R	I	V	E		
					D	A	S	H			R	I	O	T	E	R	
I	N	T	E	N	T			A	C	A	C	I	A				
M	O	R	A	T	O	R	I	U	M			S	T	E	M		
A	W	O	L				R	E	S	P	E	C	T	I	V	E	
G	I	L	L				M	A	L	I		S	E	V	E	N	
O	N	L	Y				S	L	E	D		T	R	E	N	D	

Subscribe to The SUN PagosaSUN.com

Preview Calendar

■ **continued from previous page**

Pueblo Trail. Tickets are \$12 for ages 13 and up and \$6 for ages 5-12. Registration is required 12 hours in advance via rec.gov. For more information, visit www.chimneyrockco.org.

Community Coffee. 1-3 p.m., TARA Historical Society Community Center. For more information, email TARACommunityCenter101@gmail.com.

Fresh Conversations. 1:15 p.m., Senior Center. This month's topic is anemia.

Fairy Tale Theatre. 2-3:30 p.m., Sisson Library. Read fairy tales and act out your favorite characters.

A Weekend with Anne Hillerman: Friends of the Library Movie Night. 7-9 p.m., Sisson Library. Join the author to watch and discuss the first episode of "Dark Winds," the AMC series based on several Tony Hillerman books. Anne Hillerman is an executive producer for the show. Tickets are \$30 advance or \$35 at the door and include wine/beer and light snacks. Join the Friends of the Library at Pagosalibrary.org. Tickets can be purchased at the library or pagosalibrary.org.

Saturday, Sept. 14

Geology Tour. 8 a.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. This tour explores local geology and its relationship to the daily lives of the Ancestral Puebloans. Tickets are \$20 for ages 13 and up, \$10 for ages 5-15, and under 5 are free. Registration is required 12 hours in advance via rec.gov. For more information, visit www.chimneyrockco.org.

Free Community Pancake Breakfast. 8-11 a.m., Stevens Field Airport, 777 Piedra Road. Presented by Veterans for Veterans of Archuleta County.

A Weekend with Anne Hillerman: Writers' Workshop. 9-11 a.m., Sisson Library. Explore the writing craft with Anne Hillerman and husband Dave Tedlock, who has taught writing at Roger Williams University, Iowa State University, and the Harvard Business School. The workshop is limited to 20 participants. Tickets are \$25; a combo ticket, \$65, includes admission to the Fireside Chat. Tickets can be purchased at the library or pagosalibrary.org.

GriefShare. 10-11:30 a.m., Centerpoint Church, 2750 Cornerstone Drive. A 13-week program to assist with the healing process, regardless of how long it is since your loved one passed. For more information, call Marie Rasco at (970) 946-9379 or Centerpoint Church at (970) 731-2205. You can also register and learn more at www.griefshare.org.

Guided Great House Tour. 10:30 a.m., Chimney Rock National

Monument. This guided tour takes visitors 1/3 mile up the Great Pueblo Trail. Tickets are \$12 for ages 13 and up and \$6 for ages 5-12. Registration is required 12 hours in advance via rec.gov. For more information, visit www.chimneyrockco.org.

A Weekend with Anne Hillerman: Ruby's Meet and Greet with Anne Hillerman. 12:30-1:15 p.m., Sisson Library. Meet the best-selling mystery author and purchase a signed book. Anne Hillerman's thought-provoking mysteries bring to life the terrain, people and lore of the American Southwest and Four Corners region. This event is free.

Pagosa Springs Varsity Volleyball. 1 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School. Pagosa Springs High School vs. Montezuma-Cortez.

DivorceCare/DivorceCare for Kids. 4-5:30 p.m., Centerpoint Church, 2750 Cornerstone Drive. A 13-week program that provides a safe environment for people who have gone through, are going through or are considering divorce and features experts on divorce and recovery topics. DivorceCare for Kids is for kids 5-12, with topics mirroring the adult sessions. For more information, email Jim Shook at jshookup@gmail.com or the church at admin@centerpointpagosa.com. You can register online at www.divorcecare.org. There is a \$20 fee for the workbook. Scholarships are available.

A Weekend with Anne Hillerman: Fireside Chat. 6 p.m., PLPOA Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Anne Hillerman will sit down with Rick Holter for a live interview and conversation. Admission includes craft hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar. Tickets \$50 advance or \$55 at the door. Tickets can be purchased at the library or pagosalibrary.org.

Flute Music at Twilight. 6 p.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. Tickets are \$20 for ages 13 and up, \$10 for ages 5-12, and under 5 are free. Recommended for ages 4 and up. Registration is required 12 hours in advance via rec.gov. For more information, visit www.chimneyrockco.org.

Sunday, Sept. 15

Outdoor Pickleball. 8 a.m.-noon, Yamaguchi Park South pickleball courts.

Monday, Sept. 16

Mysteries of Chimney Rock Tour. 8-10:15 a.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. This tour spotlights topics aimed at interpreting the history and significance of Chimney Rock and the Ancestral Puebloans. Tickets are \$20 for ages 13 and up, \$10 for ages 5-15, and under 5 are free. Registration is required 12 hours in advance via rec.gov. For more information, visit www.chimneyrockco.org.

Indoor Pickleball. 8-11:30 a.m., Ross Aragon Community Center.

Outdoor Pickleball. 8 a.m.-noon, Yamaguchi Park South pickleball courts.

Senior Conversations. 1:15 p.m., Senior Center.

■ **See Calendar on page 21**



More Than Just Signs!

- DECALS & WINDOW GRAPHICS
- VEHICLE GRAPHICS & WRAPS
- STORE FRONTS
- PROMOTIONAL PRODUCTS
- APPAREL PRINTING
- NEON & ELECTRIC SIGN REPAIR
- MEMORIAL STONES

LOCATED AT 57 MAJESTIC DR. PAGOSA SPRINGS, CO



**DEFENDING
YOUR RIGHTS
FOR OVER 18 YEARS**



**DANIEL
SHAFFER
LAW**

Reputation. Respect. Results

- ◆ **Police Misconduct**
- ◆ **Civil Rights Violations**
- ◆ **Wrongful Death**
- ◆ **Disability Violations**
- ◆ **Excessive Force**
- ◆ **Unlawful Seizure and Sale of Property**

**Contact for a
FREE CONSULTATION**

970-549-2225

DANIELSHAFFERLAW.COM

ENJOY YOGA WORD SEARCH



B I I O E O H M D N G E C E R Y A B G T
 K D P E M M R N G N K N B D D M G M Y H
 U H R O L I I H U H T E E O K S O D N G
 T P F L S M S H S O I R B B U T Y C Y R
 J E U U O T L H T I P G N D B Y F F A A
 A J P B N N U Y E F A Y H A T H A A H A N
 T A I D R D A R Y N L G U G S S S S A A
 T E M C B E A M E C K B N L J F M R S R
 A C I P Y N A M A A N A S A S R A R A P
 R C P Y U D A T E S P T T R R G R J C O
 C R N I A R H F H N T H N I P U E P R Y
 R O B E D J D T C M T E D F P F T T U E
 K U R U B S J R K G A A R A I M N A M M
 R I M E J M Y U N L G R L N R R E B H T
 A H D N A B R E O B R I T S B K C T K C Y
 G R G K U O R C D M C U J N A B A L R Y
 G K E I B T T B F L U T E E A F U H E S
 R O T T S K C Y S E L Y T S K M B M C A
 A Y S T R E T C H F H E I A T D D L R M
 O O N R A T H D P E S O P J H S P C R C

Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

WORDS

- ASANA
- BANDHA
- BODY
- BREATH
- CENTER
- CHAKRA
- CHATURANGA
- CORE
- ENERGY
- FUNDAMENTALS
- HATHA
- MANTRA
- MIND
- MUDRA
- NAMASTE
- POSE
- POSTURE
- PRANA
- SACRUM
- STRENGTH
- STRETCH
- STYLE
- UJJAYI
- YOGA

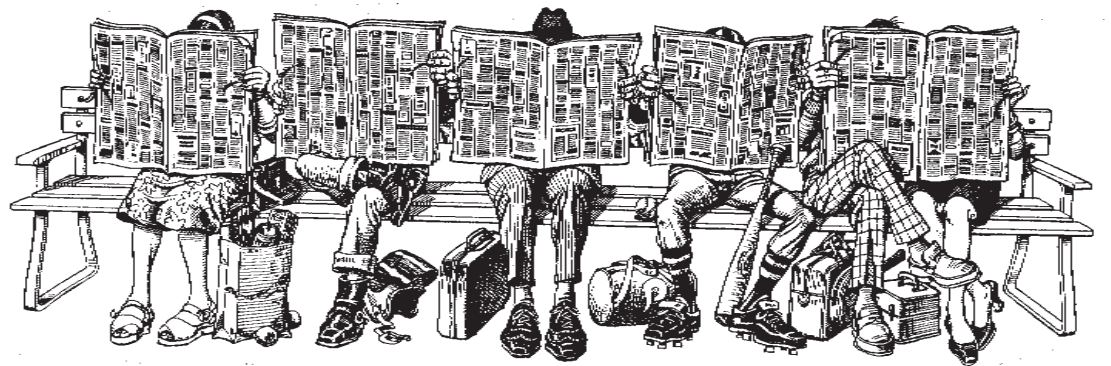
Thank you for supporting our advertisers!

Advertising makes it possible for us to bring you the latest community news.

When you see an advertiser, please thank them!



Thursday wouldn't be Thursday without ...



The Pagosa Springs SUN

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Mastercard Visa Check enclosed

Account number _____

Expiration date _____

Signature _____

- In county \$35 yearly
- Out of county \$45 yearly

The Pagosa Springs Sun
 PO Box 9
 Pagosa Springs, CO 81147
 (970) 264-2100

Sell it in the classifieds

Cars • Bikes • Houses • Land • Saddles • Hay • Goats
 Horses • Boats • Tools • Furniture • You name it!

The Pagosa Springs SUN

To place your classified ad, call
 (970) 264-2100

Safe2Tell Colorado

(877) 542-7233

Anonymously report anything that concerns or threatens you, your friends, your family or your community.

Preview Calendar

■ continued from page 19

Learn to Knit or Crochet. 2-3:15 p.m., Sisson Library. Come learn to knit or crochet. For ages 8 and up. All supplies will be provided.

Healthy Aging and Yoga Therapy Class. 2:30-3:30 p.m., Senior Center.

Pagosa Unplugged. 4-6 p.m., Sisson Library. Musicians of all abilities are invited to jam and sing with others. Call Susan at (970) 946-3396 for details.

Deepening the Faith Classes. 6-8 p.m., Pope John Paul II Catholic Church classrooms.

Tuesday, Sept. 17

Outdoor Pickleball. 8 a.m.-noon, Yamaguchi Park South pickleball courts.

Stretching and Mobility Class. 9:30-10:30 a.m., Senior Center. A stretching and mobility class for those age 55 and up.

Pagosa Springs Stitchers. 10 a.m.-noon, Community United Methodist Church, 434 Lewis St. Bring your current stitching project and a snack/drink if you wish, and enjoy the fellowship of other stitchers. All are welcome.

Veterans for Veterans of Archuleta County. 10 a.m., Pagosa Bible Church, 209 Harman Park Drive. Veterans and family members are invited to share experiences with vets of all ages. Find out about the latest in vets benefits, vets news and community-focused events. Contact (970) 880-8387 for more details.

Tech Time. 10 a.m.- noon, Sisson Library. Basic questions related to computers, smartphones, tablets, etc. Bring your device charger. We provide assistance with accessing any of the library's online resources. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

Guided Great House Tour. 10:30 a.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. This guided tour takes visitors 1/3 mile up the Great Pueblo Trail. Tickets are \$12 for ages 13 and up and \$6 for ages 5-12. Registration is required 12 hours in advance via rec.gov. For more information, visit www.chimney-rockco.org.

Adult DIY. 1-2:30 p.m., Sisson Library. Learn a simple cross-stitch pattern that you can take home and work on to build your needlecraft skills.

Bridge. 1:15 p.m., Senior Center.

Hand and Foot Card Game. 1:15 p.m., Senior Center. No experience is necessary, so come willing to learn.

Mahjong. 1:15 p.m., Senior Center.

English as a Second Language. 4-7 p.m., Sisson Library. Your library offers English as a second language classes. These classes are free. Call (970) 264-2209 or email for more information. Beginning students are encouraged to attend

from 4-5 p.m., intermediate students from 5-6 p.m. and advanced students from 6-7 p.m.

Conversational Spanish. 4:30-5:30 p.m., Sisson Library. Practice your Spanish conversation skills in a group setting. No minimum skill level required.

Geology Tour. 5 p.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. This tour explores local geology and its relationship to the daily lives of the Ancestral Puebloans. Tickets are \$20 for ages 13 and up, \$10 for ages 5-15, and under 5 are free. Registration is required 12 hours in advance via rec.gov. For more information, visit www.chimneyrockco.org.

PALS Adult Education. 5:30-8 p.m., Sisson Library. Pagosa Adult Learning Services, or PALS, can help you with high school equivalency, GED, college prep, financial aid, tutoring and more. Mark can help you develop a plan to achieve your education goals. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

Men's Fellowship. 6 p.m., Pope John Paul II Catholic Church classrooms.

Wednesday, Sept. 18

Indoor Pickleball. 8-11:30 a.m., Ross Aragon Community Center.

Outdoor Pickleball. 8 a.m.-noon, Yamaguchi Park South pickleball courts.

Pagosa Catholic Quilters. 9 a.m.-2 p.m., John Paul II Catholic Church classrooms. For more information, contact Maxine Everaert at quilters@ihmjp2.org.

Family Storytime. 10-11 a.m., Sisson Library. Join us for an educational hour of reading, singing and free

play while building early literacy skills together. For all ages. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

Mountain High Gardeners Group. 10 a.m.-noon, Community United Methodist Church, 434 Lewis St. The group will meet in the fellowship hall to package daffodils into bundles for distribution throughout the community. Join and get a package to take home for your own garden.

Therapy Dog Visit. 11-11:45 a.m., Sisson Library. Visit with a certified therapy dog.

Virtual Author Talk: Nate Klemp. Noon, virtual. Listen live or recorded. "Living with an Expansive Mind in a Distracted World" with Nate Kemp, Ph.D., bestselling co-author of "Start Here: Master the Lifelong Skill of Well-Being." For details and to register, go to <https://libraryc.org/pagosalibrary/upcoming>.

Bridge. 1:15 p.m., Senior Center.

Mindful Drawing. 1:15 p.m., Senior Center.

Teen/Tween Activity. 4-4:30 p.m., Sisson Library. Head to the teen area every Wednesday after school for a fun craft or challenge. Activities will range from taste tests to art challenges and minute-to-win-it-style games.

Pagosa Springs High School Booster Club. 5:30 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School.

Full Moon Program. 7 p.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. Tickets are \$25 per person, or \$30 with an early, guided tour. Registration is required 12 hours in advance via

■ See Calendar on next page

FOR SALE BY OWNER



\$795,000

- Established 2008, Owner Retiring
- Solid/Trained Crew
- Gross Sales 2023 - \$540,000
- Consider Change of Use: liquor store, restaurant etc.
- Preferred Lender: Charlene Thomas FSWB - 970.422.5060
- Preferred Title: High Country Title - 970.480.0635
- 1031 Exchange welcomed
- 3% Broker Co-Op Encouraged

Text/ Call Greg 970.946.8200

HAVE MEDICAID?

You may qualify for **FREE transportation.**

Call **WJP/A1 Taxi** to get yourself set up.

970-731-4081

Non-emergency medical transportation

to anywhere in Colorado and border state approved cities for Medicaid insured rides to and from Medicaid providers

Pre-approval and 24-hour notice required.

Also Durango Airport Shuttle • Taxi Service • Weddings Charter Service • Private Parties



Wilderness Journeys Pagosa, Inc

Call **970-731-4081** for scheduling

PUC # 16400, DOT# 2842985, MCT# 0021



BJ Jones and Lars Schneider, owners, have spent a combined total of over 45 years in Pagosa Springs.

As long-time locals, we operate with small-town hospitality without the "Pagosa-time mentality." Your time is as valuable as ours, so we operate with punctuality.

Mountain Men Disaster Mitigation is here to service you and your family through providing quality in our work, and being timely and efficient.

Don't forget to check your crawl spaces for standing water. Water mixed with the normal environments produced in a crawlspace is the perfect breeding ground for microbial growth. We also offer sump pump system installations and repairs as well as moisture barriers. Call today for a free evaluation!

Spring is here. Don't forget to check your crawlspaces for standing water and microbial growth or call us for a free inspection!

Call us for 24/7 Emergency Response

Call 970-946-0238 or 970-749-9028

**DISASTER RESTORATION
FLOOD MITIGATION
CRAWLSPACE INSPECTIONS/
WORK**

Mountain Men



Disaster Mitigation

Fire Restoration
Water Extraction

Mold Remediation
Structural Drying

Smoke and Odor Removal

**Lars Schneider
970-946-0238**

**BJ Jones
970-749-9028**

MountainMenDM.com • mail@mountainmendm.com

NATIONALLY LICENSED

INSURED

LOCALLY OWNED & OPERATED

Preview Calendar

■ continued from previous page

rec.gov. For more information, visit www.chimneyrockco.org.

Thursday, Sept. 19

Outdoor Pickleball. 8 a.m.-noon, Yamaguchi Park South pickleball courts.

Geology Hike. 9 a.m., Ice Cave Ridge, San Juan National Forest. A free hike led by geologist Dave Bouquet. Preregistration is required at sjma.org.

Ruby's Writers Guild. 9-11 a.m., Sisson Library. Ruby's Writers Guild welcomes writers who are looking for opportunities, support and camaraderie with other writers. Members will provide support, resources and guidance for each other.

Guided Great House Tour. 10:30 a.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. This guided tour takes visitors 1/3 mile up the Great Pueblo Trail. Tickets are \$12 for ages 13 and up and \$6 for ages 5-12. Registration is required 12 hours in advance via rec.gov. For more information, visit www.chimneyrockco.org.

End-of-Life Education. 1 p.m., Community United Methodist Church, 434 Lewis St.

Community Supported Agriculture Program Meet and Greet. 1:30 p.m., Senior Center. In addition to the meet and greet, there will be a food demonstration and seasonal tasting.

T'ai Chi Chih. 1:30-2:30, Yamaguchi Park. Free for those 60 and better.

Tech Time. 2-4 p.m., Sisson Library. Basic questions related to computers, smartphones, tablets, etc. Bring your device charger. We provide assistance with accessing any of the library's online resources. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

Dungeons and Dragons. 4-5:30 p.m., Sisson Library. Join the adventure. Preregistration is required because space is limited. Contact Josie@pagosalibrary.org to join.

English as a Second Language. 4-7 p.m., Sisson Library. Your library offers English as a second language classes. These classes are free. Call (970) 264-2209 or email for more information. Beginning students are encouraged to attend from 4-5 p.m., intermediate students from 5-6 p.m. and advanced students from 6-7 p.m.

PALS Adult Education. 5:30-8 p.m., Sisson Library. Pagosa Adult Learning Services, or PALS, can help you with high school equivalency, GED, college prep, financial aid, tutoring and more. Mark can help you develop a plan to achieve your education goals. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

An Autumn Encore of the 19th Hole Concerts. 5-6:30 p.m., Pagosa Springs Golf Club. A fundraiser for the Archuleta County Fund of the Community Foundation serving Southwest Colorado. Bob Hemenger will play.

'Making Room at the Inn.' 5:30-7 p.m., Community United Methodist Church fellowship hall, 434 Lewis St. Marcia Cantor from the Arvada United Methodist Church will speak about her congregation's experience working with the International Rescue Committee to host two refugee families, one from Columbia and one from Eritrea, who legally sought refuge in the United States and are receiving assistance with housing, job hunting, working through the immigration process and other needs. Join for a light dinner and discussion.

Friday, Sept. 20

Mysteries of Chimney Rock Tour. 8-10:15 a.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. This tour spotlights topics aimed at interpreting the history and significance of Chimney Rock and the Ancestral Puebloans. Tickets are \$20 for ages 13 and up, \$10 for ages 5-15, and under 5 are free. Registration is required 12 hours in advance via rec.gov. For more information, visit www.chimneyrockco.org.

Indoor Pickleball. 8-11:30 a.m., Ross Aragon Community Center.

Outdoor Pickleball. 8 a.m.-noon, Yamaguchi Park South pickleball courts.

'Making Room at the Inn.' 10 a.m.-noon, Community United Methodist Church fellowship hall, 434 Lewis St. Marcia Cantor from the Arvada United Methodist Church will speak about her congregation's experience working with the International Rescue Committee to host two refugee families, one from Columbia and one from Eritrea, who legally sought refuge in the United States and are receiving assistance with housing, job hunting,

working through the immigration process and other needs.

Guided Great House Tour. 10:30 a.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. This guided tour takes visitors 1/3 mile up the Great Pueblo Trail. Tickets are \$12 for ages 13 and up and \$6 for ages 5-12. Registration is required 12 hours in advance via rec.gov. For more information, visit www.chimneyrockco.org.

Community Coffee. 1-3 p.m., TARA Historical Society Community Center. For more information, email TARACommunityCenter101@gmail.com.

Bingo. 1:30-2:30 p.m., Senior Center. Free. Those under 18 must have an adult chaperone. For more information, contact (970) 264-2167.

PAWS to Read. 2-3 p.m., Sisson Library. For all ages. Read with Maple, a therapy dog who loves stories.

All-Ages Friday Flix. 2-3:30 p.m., Sisson Library. Participants will choose from a selection of PG-rated movies.

ColorFest: Passport to Pagosa. 6-9 p.m., Town Park. Tickets for the wine and food festival are \$100. This is a 21+ event. For more information and tickets, visit www.pagosachamber.com.

Pagosa Springs Varsity Football. 7 p.m., Golden Peaks Stadium. Pagosa Springs High School vs. Monte Vista. Homecoming.

Saturday, Sept. 21

ColorFest: Hot Air Balloon Mass Ascension. 7:30 a.m., downtown.

ColorFest: Aspen House Color Run/Walk 5K. 8 a.m., Yamaguchi Park. This colorful event is open to participants of all ages and fitness levels. Register at <https://runsignup.com/Race/CO/PagosaSprings/ColorFestColorRunWalk5K>.

■ See Calendar on next page

Taste the Difference



Grass finished beef
Grass finished lamb
Organic free range chicken
All natural & pasture pork
All natural duck

Get 10% off your first order!
Just enter **SUN10** at checkout.

Open Tue-Fri at our warehouse — 140 Seminole Unit 8
Saturdays at the Farmer's Market — Tennyson Sculpture Park & Garden
Every day at Pagosa Baking Company
Every day at The Choke Cherry Tree — 3505 W Hwy 160
Online at www.grassrootsmeats.com • 970-946-5657

LARGE & SMALL ANIMAL MEDICINE AND SURGERY

- On-call Emergency Services
- Laser Surgery
- Acupuncture
- Herbal Medicine
- Grooming
- Cold Therapeutic Laser
- Medical Ozone Therapy
- Boarding
- House & Ranch Calls



Elk Park Animal Hospital

SEE OUR FULL LIST OF SERVICES ONLINE!

elkparkvet.com

9572 W Hwy 160 • 970-731-6400

SHOP THE SUN CLASSIFIEDS



BEWARE OF:



Judge Justin P. Fay,

Archuleta County Sheriff's Office,

and any government agency that claims that they are there to help.

<https://www.archuletacountycourts.com>

Trinity Anglican Church

*A widowed mother's only son has died.
Jesus had compassion on her.
He said to her, "Weep not."
Then he...? Sunday, 10am.*

246 Harman Park Dr.
trinityanglicanchurch.org



Preview Calendar

■ continued from previous page

Geology Tour. 8 a.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. This tour explores local geology and its relationship to the daily lives of the Ancestral Puebloans. Tickets are \$20 for ages 13 and up, \$10 for ages 5-15, and under 5 are free. Registration is required 12 hours in advance via rec.gov. For more information, visit www.chimneyrockco.org.

Birding at Chimney Rock. 8 a.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. A fun and casual two-hour guided bird walk. Tickets are \$20 for ages 13 and up, and \$10 for ages 5-12. Registration is required 12 hours in advance via rec.gov. For more information, visit www.chimneyrockco.org.

Art at the Pinnacles: Plein Air Workshop. 8 a.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. Tickets are \$25 for ages 10 and up. Registration is required 12 hours in advance via rec.gov. For more information, visit www.chimneyrockco.org.

Conversations in the Garden. 8:30 a.m., Pagosa Springs Community Garden. A gathering to chat about the pleasures and challenges of growing at the local climate and elevation.

Pagosa Springs Varsity Boys' Soccer. 10 a.m., Golden Peaks Stadium. Pagosa Springs High School vs. Alamosa.

Pickleball Beginner Lessons. 10 a.m.-noon, Yamaguchi Park South pickleball courts. Register on the Pagosa Springs Parks and Recreation page at <https://secure.rec1.com/CO/pagosa-springs-co/catalog>.

GriefShare. 10-11:30 a.m., Centerpoint Church, 2750 Cornerstone Drive. A 13-week program to assist with the healing process, regardless of how long it is since your loved one passed. For more information, call Marie Rasco at (970) 946-9379 or Centerpoint Church at (970) 731-2205. You can also register and learn more at www.griefshare.org.

Guided Great House Tour. 10:30 a.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. This guided tour takes visitors 1/3 mile up the Great Pueblo Trail. Tickets are \$12 for ages 13 and up and \$6 for ages 5-12. Registration is required 12 hours in advance via rec.gov. For more information, visit www.chimneyrockco.org.

[chimneyrockco.org](http://www.chimneyrockco.org).

LEGO Club. 11 a.m.-noon, Sisson Library. For kids 6-11 years old. Bring your own or use the library's LEGOs to free build. Contact the library at (970) 264-2209 for further information.

Pokémon Club. 12:30-2:30 p.m., Sisson Library. For ages 6-11. Bring your cards to battle against others who love Pokemon too. No experience is required.

Pagosa Springs Varsity Volleyball. 1 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School. Pagosa Springs High School vs. Centauri.

DivorceCare/DivorceCare for Kids. 4-5:30 p.m., Centerpoint Church, 2750 Cornerstone Drive. A 13-week program that provides a safe environment for people who have gone through, are going through or are considering divorce and features experts on divorce and recovery topics. DivorceCare for Kids is for kids 5-12, with topics mirroring the adult sessions. For more information, email Jim Shook at jshookup@gmail.com or the church at admin@centerpointpagosa.com. You can register online at www.divorcecare.org. There is a \$20 fee for the workbook. Scholarships are available.

ColorFest: Bands and Brews Festival. 4-8 p.m., Town Park. Tickets are \$10 for ages 15 and up. Beer tasting is \$35 for those 21+. For more information and tickets, visit www.pagosachamber.com.

Virtual Author Talk: Liane Moriarty. 5 p.m., virtual. A deep dive in character development with global sensation Liane Moriarty, bestselling author of "Big Little Lies" and more. For details and to register, go to <https://libraryc.org/pagosalibrary/upcoming>.

Sunday, Sept. 22

Autumn Equinox Tour. 5 a.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. Watch the sun rise over the San

Juan Mountains on the first morning of fall. The significance of the equinox to the Ancestral Puebloans will be discussed. Tickets are \$20 for ages 13 and up, \$10 for ages 5-12, and under 5 are free. Registration is required 12 hours in advance via rec.gov. For more information, visit www.chimneyrockco.org.

ColorFest: Hot Air Balloon Mass Ascension. 7:30 a.m., uptown.

Outdoor Pickleball. 8 a.m.-noon, Yamaguchi Park South pickleball courts.

Eighth Annual Community Fall Picnic and Raffle. Noon-3 p.m., Pagosa Catholic Community Pavilion.

Bingo. 5:45 p.m., Pope John Paul II Catholic Church, 353 S. Pagosa Blvd. Doors open at 5 p.m., early-bird bingo at 5:45 p.m., bingo from 6-8 p.m.

Major Lunar Standstill Special Lecture: Dr. Kim Malville. 7 p.m., Community United Methodist Church, 434 Lewis St. Dr. Kim Malville will speak on "New Light on Chimney Rock: The Sun, Moon and the Great Supernova of 1054."



URGENT NEED FOR SHORT TERM DOG FOSTERS!

Please help us care for our dogs while we're under construction!

- 🐾 Bring home your own cuddle buddy or hiking partner for **1-2 weeks**. We urgently need your help while we renovate worn flooring in our kennel!
- 🐾 Give a shelter dog the invaluable gift of a **vacation from the shelter**.
- 🐾 You help **socialize an animal**.
- 🐾 **Reduces stress** for you and the dogs.
- 🐾 **NO long term commitments**.
- 🐾 **All at zero Cost to You!** We cover all costs including supplies and food.

RSVP NOW!

Visit pagosahumane.org
Questions about fostering? Give us a call at 970-731-4771
Or e-mail us at sheltermanager@pagosahumane.org



Scan to apply!



WOLF CREEK
THE MOST SNOW IN COLORADO™

2024-2025 PRE-SEASON PASS SALE

Sale: Sat, Sept. 28 - Sun, Oct. 6, 2024

- Shop.WolfCreekSki.com

PEAK ADVANTAGE PASSES -NO Blackout Dates-

	Pre-Season Rate/Regular Rate
Adult	\$1062 / \$1326
Senior (65 & older)	\$466 / \$582
Student (13-18 in school)	\$819 / \$1023
Child (6-12)	\$418 / \$521
Tot (5 & under)	\$58 / \$72

SUPERSAVER PASSES -43 Blackout Dates-

	Pre-Season Rate/Regular Rate
Adult	\$797 / \$996
Senior (65 & older)	\$350 / \$437
Student (13-18 in school)	\$615 / \$768
Child (6-12)	\$314 / \$392
Tot (5 & under)	\$44 / \$55



SUPERSAVER BLACKOUT DATES

Nov. 29-30; Dec. 21-31;
Jan. 1-4, 11, 18-19, 25;
Feb. 1-2, 8-9, 14-16, 22;
Mar. 1, 8-20

PEAK ADVANTAGE FAMILY PASSES

	Pre-Season Rate/Regular Rate
1st in Family	\$1062/\$1326
2nd in Family	\$819/\$1023
3rd in Family	\$466/\$582
4th in Family	\$383/\$478
5th in Family	\$383/\$478

SUPERSAVER FAMILY PASSES

	Pre-Season Rate/Regular Rate
1st in Family	\$797/\$996
2nd in Family	\$615/\$768
3rd in Family	\$350/\$437
4th in Family	\$288/\$359
5th in Family	\$288/\$359

FAMILY PASSES - All passes must be same type

Families consist of father, mother, or partners in civil unions and their single, dependent children, 22 years old or younger, living together supported by the same income

Pre-Season Prices End October 6, 2024

WolfCreekSki.com - 970-264-5639

Your source for community news.

The Pagosa Springs SUN
264-2100

Need **MARY KAY?**
I'M YOUR GIRL!

Darcie Sutherland
Mary Kay Consultant
(carrying inventory)
(970) 529-0464



Things I've learned

By Betty Slade
PREVIEW Columnist

Many times when I've come out of some horrible experience that shook me to my toes and rattled my cage I've said, "I needed that. I don't think I could've learned the lesson any other way."

So, from my recent accident, I've learned many things I should've known years ago, but didn't take the time to learn.

Compassion. I've seen people struggle in wheelchairs and limp in pain, but didn't understand the difficulty it would be to be bound and dependent. Moving from the wheelchair to the bed, recliner, bathroom, or the desk and computer, takes great effort. Being so independent, thinking I didn't need help before, I have to rely on others. I've missed the blessing of the sweetness and caring of other people. That's a tragedy.

Be good to your family. If your kids don't like you for good reason, change your attitude and get right with them. In a split second you might be calling on them for help. My family, the minute they were called, moved into a what-can-we-do-to-help mode. I was relieved there is nothing between us but sweetness and love. I've asked a lot of them.

They had to change their work schedules, made trips to Colorado Springs, took care of insurance claims, buy and install supplies for home care, obtained home care when I came from the hospital, and provided someone to be on duty all the time with their dad.

Don't judge people by how they look. I met some really different characters in the hospital. One young lady, a nurse in her 20s, surprised me. A high-pitched, baby, irritating voice came into the room — one of those voices that you want to slap away. The voice belonged to large, football-linebacker girl with big broad hands. Yet, when they rotated staff, she was the one I looked forward to coming

Artist's Lane

on duty. There was such an assurance and safety in her care for me that I forgot the voice.

Another young man who turned me helped me and gave me the most wonderful care; he was one of my favorites. On his fingers, he had tattooed "love" on his left hand, "self" on his right. I said, "There must be a story in those tattoos." With a tear in his heart, he said, "Yes." We don't know the pain others have experienced to get to where they are. I loved that guy.

My occupational therapist challenged me about a statement I made. Why did he need God?

With his cute man bun, to be married Sept. 27 in the Durango wilderness, he wasn't concerned about knowing God. I told him in this dark world he would meet challenges that would shake him and his marriage; he needed the light of Jesus in him to be able to see. He said he is seeing fine.

I told him and several other staff members, "I'm here right now telling you the truth. I'm passing through one time. I'm not coming back. So, whether you believe me or not, one day you will need the light, and His name is Jesus."

I did not realize it, but I have been living my life as a job to be done. Always on time, prepared to do the job, no matter how hard, and to finish strong. Oh me, when the Lord gave me, hopefully, a few more years, like in a great novel, with a feel-good ending, I needed to see my life as a well-written story with a satisfying end. Not a life with rolled-up sleeves attacking the world, but a person who enjoys her life. This new me should make life easier for the people around me.

Most important, I got to experience the love and support of friends and family before my time to leave the earth. I couldn't believe how many cared about me, how they met in prayer groups to pray, and sent beautiful, over-the-top words as if they wrote my eulogy before my departure date. I felt so much love and respect. Everyone should experience this kind of appreciation from others.

There were many more things I learned in the throes of darkness fighting against the light, which I will share another time.

Final brushstroke: Thank you again for all the prayers and love and those who have come alongside me. Yes, I don't think I could have learned these lessons any other way. I have a few months of healing ahead, but I see the beauty of the people around me and the beauty of this life. Thanks to all of you.

Reader comments

Appreciated words from Mark Crain, who so many know.

"Oh my DEAREST DEAREST FRIEND who is left back in P town! Oh I have hit my knees for your behalf! I just got last week's paper and read your entry. Yes, in two months I will turn 78 but what a precious privilege to fall on my knees and lift you up to our Savior Jesus Christ for absolute and complete healing of your body! Oh how I wish I could see that magnificent smile! You take care my dearest friend as you have shared so much Love towards me, I want you to know that I pounded Glory for your complete healing! HE told me yes. HE wants you back also! Love you dear sister and my most special friend who has taught me so much! I hope this medicine helps. Say a big HI to Sweet Al and a giant gift of love and prayer to you my dearest friend. I will stay in touch. Mark Crain."

Send your comment to bettyslade.author@gmail.com.

Views expressed do not necessarily represent those of *The SUN*.

Trying new things and making new friends

By Daris Howard
Special to The PREVIEW

My wife, Donna, and I recently went to an awards ceremony. It was to honor people who have been an asset to their communities.

A friend of Donna's was receiving an award, and we wanted to be there to support her. When we got there, there was only one last seat at Donna's friend's table, so I let Donna sit there, and I pulled up a chair at an adjacent table. I asked the others there if one of them was getting an award.

One man nodded. "I am, but I really don't know what it's all about."

"Well," I said, "the newspaper asks people to nominate a person they feel

serves well in their community. Then, the newspaper staff chooses those from the entries they want to honor. Apparently, someone nominated you for your service, and the newspaper people liked you."

"I can't imagine what I've done," the man said.

I laughed. "Well, we'll know when we hear what the person wrote about you."

The man said his name was David, and he felt he was just an ordinary guy. He said he felt awkward getting an award when he didn't do anything special.

When it came time for David's award, the lady doing the announcements shared that when David

mowed his lawn, he would anonymously go around the neighborhood and mow the lawns of older people and others who needed help. In winter, he did the same thing with his snowblower. Whenever there was something to be done, David was always willing to do it and try new things. He was always the first to greet new people moving into the neighborhood.

When David returned to his seat, I said, "That was quite impressive."

He shrugged. "There is a reason I try new things and help people. When I reached high school age, my family moved to a state in the south. There were a lot of cultural differ-

■ See Friends on next page

Join us in welcoming your newest

HomeTown Agent!

Cassidy D. Barry

CO #846588 | C4HCO Cert #9044090052

**Health
Life
Dental
Vision
Travel Medical**

Let's work together to address your insurance needs - call today!

HomeTown

Insurance & Financial Services, Inc.

(970)264-4321
Toll Free: (866)333-8342

818 Rosita St. • Pagosa Springs, CO
www.hometowninsurancepros.com

Your Friendly, Knowledgeable, Professional, HomeTown Team.



Hilltop Cemetery Fall Clean-Up

To assist Town crews in the clean-up of the cemetery prior to winter, and to provide a safe environment for loved ones and visitors, please remove the following items from burial plots, driveways, paths, or rights-of-way before Tuesday, October 1, 2024:

- Artificial flowers & shrubs which are faded and falling apart
- Statues which are broken and in disrepair
- Disposable vases which are broken and in disrepair (may be replaced after the clean-up)

Please watch for a community meeting after the first of the year to review and update current cemetery guidelines.

Plots may be purchased at Town Hall and are for interment rights only. Burials are not permitted without a completed application available at Town Hall.

A complete set of rules may be obtained from Town Hall or at pagosasprings.co.gov/cemeteries.

Town of Pagosa Springs
551 Hot Springs Blvd.
Pagosa Springs, CO 81147
970-264-4151

Subscribe at pagosasun.com

Getting to the root of the issue

By Ethan Proud
PREVIEW Columnist

Extension Viewpoints

When it comes to weed management, what's below the surface is often more important than what is above it.

There are two main types of roots: taproots and fibrous roots.

Controlling a taprooted plant is fairly straightforward — just yank it out of the ground. As long as the root crown is removed, or the first 4 inches of the root, it won't grow back.

Examples of noxious weeds with a taproot are: musk thistle, common mullein, common burdock and salt cedar. Field bindweed also has a taproot and the above-ground portions of the plant are connected to rhizomes, or underground stems. When pulling a 3-foot section of field bindweed root from your garden you may feel the thrill of victory, but the main root is still lurking deep below the surface.

Fibrous roots may be very simple or complex. Some fibrous roots are shallow and easy to pull, like in the case of cheatgrass. Other fibrous (also called adventitious) roots may be attached to rhizomes, which complicates the issue. Plants like leafy spurge, Russian knapweed, Canada thistle, yellow toadflax and oxeye daisy form a colony of aboveground shoots connected underground via rhizomes — much like an aspen grove. The rhizomes are lined with buds, and any disturbance to the root system will actually trigger more above-ground growth. Any mechanical control must be done with diligence over many years to finally sap the energy from the root reserves and

starve the plant.

When controlling plants with herbicides, it's important to know the flow of nutrients. Nutrients move from source to sink. Sugar created in the photosynthesizing leaves is transported to either new growth, flowers or the root system depending on the time of year.

For annuals and biennials, the root system is built up after germination and then all of the energy goes to creating mass and flowering before the plant dies after seed production. Once an annual has produced a bloom and is near seed set it is best to pull it. Biennials have a slight intermission, and only form vegetative mass the first year and then go dormant during the winter. During the second year, energy is flowing up the root into the newly grown tissue. Biennials will enter a vegetative phase before flowering. After producing seed, they will die naturally.

Perennials may live and flower for many years. Short-lived perennials may live for as little as five years, while longer-lived perennials can live for decades. Russian knapweed colonies can survive for upward of 75 years. New seedlings can be hand-pulled, but in the case of Canada thistle, a seedling is considered perennial after 2.5 weeks, meaning it has enough root mass that anything

left behind will generate a new plant.

Creeping perennials can often survive a spring treatment as nutrients are flowing upward from the root and the herbicide will not be translocated outside of the foliar tissue. Depending on the species and chemical used, creeping perennials can be treated between full vegetative growth, bloom or a fall treatment. In the fall, the plants are moving nutrients into the roots in order to overwinter and a greater rate of success can be achieved.

Archuleta County Weed and Pest is your local resource for managing noxious weed populations and controlling other pests.

CPR and first aid classes

CPR and first aid certification classes are offered every other month at the CSU Extension office, generally on the second Monday and Wednesday from 6 to 10 p.m. The cost for the classes is \$80 for combined CPR/first aid and \$55 for CPR, first aid or recertification. Call the Extension office at (970) 246-5931 to register.

Check out the online option on our website, <https://archuleta.extension.colostate.edu/>.

Friends

■ continued from previous page

ences. I tried to make friends on the days we went to sign up for classes, get our lockers and things like that, but everyone acted like I was an alien lost on Earth.

"Then came the first day of school. Things weren't any better in my classes. At lunchtime, everyone lined up, so I did, too. I wasn't sure what the line was for. 'Lunch,' the guy in front of me replied to my question. 'And the line is long because we're having catfish.' He paused momentarily and then said, 'Oh, and I guess there is probably chicken, too.'

"I was shocked. 'Catfish?' I said. 'When I go fishing, I just throw those ugly things away.' The girl behind me grabbed my shoulder and pulled me to face her. 'Are you crazy?' she asked in her very southern accent. 'My Pappy grows catfish for a living, and there ain't nothing better.'

"I was embarrassed and said, 'Maybe I'll have the chicken.' 'No, you won't!' she replied. 'You will have the catfish, and you will like it.'

The way she said it, I knew it

wasn't a request.

"When we got up to the food serving window, I was asked what I wanted. I was about to say chicken, but then I saw the girl staring at me. 'Catfish,' I said. 'I'll have the catfish.'

"She smiled at me, and I suddenly felt happier. I went to a table and sat down all alone. No one else came to sit with me. I tried the fish and really did like it. After I finished it and turned to my dessert, the girl suddenly sat down across from me. 'How did you like the catfish?' she asked. 'It was delicious,' I replied. 'I'm glad I got it instead of chicken.'

"She smiled, and her whole demeanor toward me changed. 'I knew you would like it if you only tried it,' she said. We finished our meal together, and suddenly, I had a friend. With her friendship, others began to accept me as well.

"That's when I realized something that has helped me all through my life: trying new things and making new friends often goes hand in hand."

Views expressed do not necessarily represent those of The SUN.

**A
CUSTOM
TREE**

A Cut above

Complete tree service in Pagosa Springs.

- Removal of Hazardous Trees
 - Fire Mitigation
 - Climbing & Cleaning Dead Limbs
 - Chipping of Slash
- Safer Home & Healthier Trees.

Chappy Faber
(970) 389-6604

chapfaber@gmail.com

Public Safety Equipment & Outdoor Rescue Gear

Custom Embroidery & Heat Press



FIRST DUE GEAR

2035 Eagle Dr. Unit 108

970-814-3549 • firstduegear@yahoo.com



FirstDueGear.com

OPEN 7 DAYS A WEEK • 270 E. PAGOSA ST., 81147

WIDEST SELECTIONS **KINDEST BUDTENDERS**

THE BEST DAILY DEALS

STOP BY AND SAVE MONEY TODAY!

\$\$\$

NEW LOWER PRICING

\$\$\$

SHOP ONLINE **GH420.COM** **SHOP ONLINE**

SPECIALS, ONLINE ORDERING, & MORE!

(970) 264-2100

Classifieds

(970) 264-2100

Office Hours: Monday — Friday 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Classified Deadline: Tuesday 10 a.m.

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

PERSONALS

SERVICES

SERVICES



Pagosa Peak Family Dentistry is looking for a personable, flexible and smart individual to join our fun and fast-paced team as a **DENTAL HYGIENE ASSISTANT**.

A Dental Hygiene Assistant will help to manage the dental hygiene schedule and coordinate patient care; chart patient conditions and gather digital records and X-rays using high-tech equipment; assist both the dental hygienist and doctor with procedures; and, maintain sterile instruments and a clean work space.

Dental experience is a plus, but not required. We will train the right person, including X-ray certification. Earn a strong wage based on qualifications with a clear and structured path for advancement. Full benefits available, including health insurance, retirement, dental coverage and lots of perks.

If you would like to talk about this opportunity to join our truly amazing work family, then email Amber at "hello@pagosapeakfamilydentistry.com"

FREE. CONFIDENTIAL. HELP. 24-hour domestic violence and sexual assault helpline. (970) 264-9075.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jesus Cafe/Bookstore

Jesus, the same yesterday, today and forever. Come for prayer - healing - deliverance.



M-Sat • 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
420 B&C • Pagosa Street
(next to theater)

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS September 13th and 14th, 10 to 3p.m. with Julie Loar, Grandmother Fire Eagle, and Shayla White Eagle. Vendors with pet friendly and sacred items on sale. At The SPIRITFIRE Inspirational Living Center, Pagosa Lodge. Bring pictures of your animal family departed or alive to place on an altar. FREE Lectures on Friday 11a.m. til 3p.m. Text/ call for the agenda of talks to learn more about our animal kingdom. SAT-URDAY- Blessings for the animals and pipe ceremony. Reiki sessions available. Tickets on sale now. \$10. (970) 510-0309. Benefit for Wolfwood Refuge.

PAGOSA AA: M-W-F 5:30P.M.; Sunday 10a.m, Tuesday and Thursday at noon, Saturday at 10a.m.. Zoom Sunday 10a.m., ID 858 319 763, password 754 234, 315 N. 2nd St., County Road 200 (.2 miles off 160). Information, call Kathi (970)946-1482, or Central Office (888)333-9649.

THERE IS A SOLUTION GROUP of Alcoholics Anonymous meets Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays, 5:30-6:30p.m. Pagosa Bible Church, 209 Harman Park Drive. Questions? Richard: (970)903-1456. Diamond: (970)264-1073. More resources: www.aa.org, www.aa-westerncolorado.com, (970)245-9649, (888)333-9649 (24 hours).

SERVICES

ASPENGLow LANDSCAPING/ YARD MAINTENANCE/ YARD CLEANUP. Mowing, trimming, raking and tree trimming. Tractor available for planting and landscaping. (970)946-2061.

PAGOSA SECURE STORAGE

80 Bastille Dr. • 970-731-8599
Storage units & parking spots
Special rates available
pagosaspringsrealty.com

Cole Plumbing



24/7 Service
EMERGENCIES
SAME DAY
in most cases
Adam 575-574-7284
Located in Pagosa Springs

Blueprints

Have your plans drawn now. Don't wait!
Be ready to start your house, barn, garage or deck on time.



Call Rick
946-1737

CUSTOM HOMES



CLEANING WITH ATTENTION TO DETAILS. Residential and commercial. Please call Julie (970)946-8229.

CUSTOM PICTURE FRAMING. Reasonable prices. Linda Lerno, (970)731-5173.

EXPERIENCED RESIDENTIAL/ COMMERCIAL CLEANING SERVICE. Reasonable rates, prompt response, day and evening appointments. Tiffany Lee, (406)250-5017.

CHIMNEY CLEANING -Roof rescrewing- 25+ years. Courteous reliable service. Free quotes. Arlie's Chimney Sweep. (970)731-2543.

FIREWOOD
Snow Removal



Call Dan • (970) 582-0006

Deck Specialist

Decking floor replaced
Total deck rebuilds
Handrails
Stairs
35 years experience references



Call Mike today 970-507-0379

CHOICE CLEANING, LLC. (970)507-1399. Commercial, construction, vacation rentals, long-term rentals, some residential.

EXTERIOR AND INTERIOR HOUSE painting and staining. Kitchens, bathrooms, decks, granite countertops and more. Call Josh Soniat (970)903-5892.

GREG COFFEY and GC'S Multi-Services has a new phone number. Please call if you need my services. (719)588-2872 or gcsmultiservice@gmail.com.

HANDYMAN /HOME IMPROVEMENT SERVICES: Floors, Decks, Windows, Doors, Winterizing, Mitigation, Trees, Plumbing, Kitchens and Bathrooms, minor or major home repair, roofs and crawlspaces. Call today (970)844-0554.

HANDYMAN SERVICE. Noah's Ark Enterprises. (970)901-5298.

KRITTER GITTERS, SKUNK AND BAT Busters. We specialize in capturing and removing unwanted rodents and varmints. We don't trap pigs. 50 years experience, lifetime resident. Dan Snow (719)849-8873.

LOCAL MOVING SERVICES. Reasonable and reliable. (970)946-2061.



Loving Dog Care by Leslie N.

Text pet info to: 469-667-4480
Look for info on: leslieslittles.com

- ❖ Boarding
- ❖ Daycare
- ❖ Drop ins



References and reviews available



I'm Tex, and I am an adorable little Heeler mix fellow. Got a hankering for a best buddy and the time to train me? Then I'd love to be your wingman! Come meet me at the Humane Society Shelter, 465 Cloman Blvd., open seven days a week, 10:00am-4:00pm.

THINK HAIR
THINK ELIZABETH
970-903-5152

3R RANCH- WORKING in the beautiful south San Juans. Hiring one position, ranch and landscape maintenance. No experience, we will train. (970)264-5160.

GARAGE SALE. Friday and Saturday. 10a.m. -5p.m. Many items free and low prices. Alpine Lakes Ranch. (480)206-9688.

LOOKING FOR SOMEONE TO CARPOOL from Pagosa to Durango, Mercy Hospital. Monday through Friday. Starting Oct. 1. (505)795-5952.

MASSAGE THERAPIST WANTED. Part-time, evenings, could grow to full-time. Competitive pay. Please apply in person at The Overlook, 432 Pagosa Street. Monday- Friday, 8a.m. to 5p.m.

GREAT MASSAGE PRICES
All Massages include a Soak!



OVERLOOK HOT SPRNGS SPA
Downtown Pagosa 264-4040

Email us at classads@pagosasun.com
to submit your classified.
PagosaSUN.com

NEW! Place your classified ad online!

Go to: PagosaSUN.com >> Shop Local >> Place Your Classified Ad

All classified line ads appear on PagosaSUN.com
Regular categories deadline: Tues., 10 a.m. • Too Late To Classify deadline: Tues., 3 p.m.
Holidays will have alternate deadlines.

(970) 264-2100

Classifieds

(970) 264-2100

Office Hours: Monday — Friday 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Classified Deadline: Tuesday 10 a.m.

SERVICES

SERVICES

SERVICES

SERVICES

SERVICES

Excavation Dirt Work

Asphalt Driveways • Foundations • Concrete
Ponds • Septic Systems
Retaining Walls • Landscaping



Skid Steer
Mini Excavator
Free Estimates
Call Josh
at 970-903-5892

Serving Pagosa Springs,
Arboles & Chromo

ONE SIXTY CONCRETE WORKS

Licensed • Insured • Residential • Commercial
Serving 160 Corridor from Walsenburg, Pagosa Springs & Cortez

No Job Too Big
No Job Too Small



- Patios
- Driveways
- Stairs
- Retaining Walls
- Decorative Concrete
- Flatwork

Lino
(970) 749-2373

Check out our Quality Works One Sixty Concrete on

All phases of residential excavation



Jackson Excavation

970-946-1969

Insured

New Construction
Remodeling • Houses
Garages • Barns • Decks
Licensed, insured & references
Plans drawn & submitted



Call Rick
(970) 946-1737

CALL BRUCE

for all your roofing needs

Rescrew
Leak Repair
Shingles

Specializing in All Metal Roofing

Call Bruce at 970-946-4906
40 Years Experience • Insured



JD's Cool Water Heating

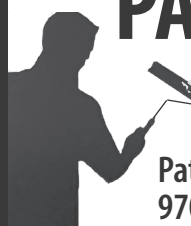
Sales, Service & Repair
Boilers &
Tank-less Water Heaters

jdcoolwater.com

27 years in Pagosa Springs • (970) 946-3989
Colorado License PC0001348, Insured

Exterior & Interior
Painting
Exterior Staining
Drywall Texture
Drywall Repair
Roof Repairs
Fire Mitigation
Gutter Cleaning

STAINING & PAINTING LLC



Exterior Spring House Power Washing

Patrick
970-946-9571

Dominic
432-847-6451



TURN A JOB
TO DO INTO
A JOB WELL
DONE

Pagosa Construction Services

Remodels including Kitchen & Bath
Siding • Decking • Drywall • Painting
No Job Too Small

Call (970) 749-4252
Licensed & Insured • 20+ Years Experience



ALL SIZE STORAGE
UNITS AVAILABLE

Call for specials!

RENT
TO
OWN



Cargo Containers

RENT
RENT TO OWN
BUY

We deliver!

970-731-0007
PagosaSpringsStorage.com

Feel the warmth



Wood & Gas
Burning
Fireplaces
& Stoves

Vermont Casting
Majestic Hearth
Isokern • FMI
Enviro Pellet
Stoves

Custom installation & finish work

Chase caps
Snow splitters

Pagosa Peak
Custom Fireplaces

1065 W. Hwy. 160
Pagosa Springs, Colo

office and showroom:
(970) 264-2006
www.pagosafireplaces.com



Painting
Pagosa
one job at a time!

Fine & Fast
Painting

Experienced • Equipped • Insured
Over 20 years experience

(857) 247-0871
mmmsted@gmail.com



Remodeling

Security Checks
Snow Removal

High Meadows Properties, LLC
Call today (970) 403-2263

Master Craftsman

Handyman Services
Remodeling Specialist

Kitchens • Baths
Decks • Basements
Interior Trim • Painting
Exterior Siding Installation
Concrete Work • and more
Large & Small Repair Work

STEVE
(970) 946-3356



Landscaping & Tractor Work

- Landscaping New & Old
- Planting Trees, Shrubs, etc.
- Drainage Problems Solved
- Driveways Reworked
- Construction, Decks, Patios & Sheds

FREE
Estimates

Small & Large Jobs Welcome

Westward Inc.
Call (970) 264-0913

METAL ROOF MAINTENANCE- featuring
roof screw replacement. Stop the leaks by
changing out worn out screws with new
screws and fresh washers. Call Arlies Chim-
ney Sweep (970)731-2543.

MINT ROOFING Re-roofs, commercial
and maintenance. Contact Mint Roofing at
(970)426-5255.

PAGOSA SPARKLES, LLC. Group of high
standard cleaners, reliable, trustworthy and
affordable. Window cleaning also available.
Text/ call KIM. (970)946-6446.

Email us at classads@pagosasun.com
to submit your classified.
PagosaSUN.com

(970) 264-2100

Classifieds

(970) 264-2100

Office Hours: Monday — Friday 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Classified Deadline: Tuesday 10 a.m.

SERVICES

**REMODELING
NEW ADDITIONS
COMMERCIAL**



BWD
(970) 731-9700

PLUMBING

Semi-retired plumber
30+ years experience
15+ years in Pagosa
Reasonable rates • Local references

Michael • 480-685-6191
I return all calls!

The Water Runner



Certified Bulk Potable Water Delivery
Cistern Deep Cleaning

You call, we haul! (970) 731-5022
Since 1999 Chadd Carnley, owner

PAGOSA SPRINGS STORAGE has all size units available. 24 hour access, gated, with security cameras. Call for specials. (970)731-0007 www.pagosaspringsstorage.com.

PREMIUM PEAK CLEANING. Local. Reliable. Detailed. Call (970)902-3145.

PROFESSIONAL SNOW REMOVAL. - Residential and Commercial. Fully insured. Shovel and salt upon request. Call now for quote. (970)946-4450.

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE/ HOME CARE checks, providing snow removal, landscaping, handyman services. Call Eric (970)946-2061.

RICHARD DECLARK ELECTRICAL is available for all your electrical services from remodels to new construction. I have been in Pagosa for 15 years, no job too small or too large. (970)903-1456.

RIVERSTONE CARPET CLEANING. 25 cents/sq. ft. and \$3 per stair. No hidden charges. Owner/operator 20 years experience. Professional, trustworthy and punctual. 100% eco-friendly. Call Mike at (970)403-9222. Credit cards accepted with no fee. Hallways and closets always free.

ROOF REPAIRS, LEAKS, RESCREWS, INSPECTIONS. 35+ years experience. Call Jeff at Blair Roofing. (970)903-6556.

RRR-RAVEN RANCH RESTORATION. Fencing; pasture and yards. Pond and stream restoration. Entry way, gates. Parshall flumes; diverter boxes, head gates. Water management; decks, gazebos, and structures. Pasture management; weed and seed. Tree felling; arborist services. Firewood. Steel fabrication; welding. Carpentry; framing and custom furniture. (970)398-0518.

SKID STEER EXCAVATOR, DUMP trailer for hire. Driveways, foundations, gravel, septic systems, etc. Call Josh Soniat (970)903-5892.

SERVICES



Detail Oriented, Trustworthy & Reliable Cleaners
For All Your Housekeeping & Window Cleaning Needs
Find us on Google & Facebook

Text/call Kim (970) 946-6446

TANKLESS/ON DEMAND WATER HEATERS. Largest inventory in the area, including replacement parts. Same day Installation and service in most cases. We are the only company that extends the parts & labor warranty from 1 year to 5 years. VAIL HOME SERVICES, (760)835-1041.

TIDY TOUCH CLEANING SERVICES LLC. Where spotless cleaning comes to your door. (801)201-0496.

TREE & CLEAR LLC. Tree service, Yard Maintenance, Brush Removal, and Snow Removal. Insured and experienced. Give me a call at (720)666-5761.

TREE REMOVAL. Licensed and insured up to \$2 million. Free estimates. No obligations. Call OR text (970)903-8068.

WE HAUL. WE WILL haul off anything but your marijuana or your mother-in-law. No job too big or too small. We also move buildings. We don't haul pigs. Dan Snow (719)849-8873.

WEBSITE DESIGN, SOCIAL MEDIA AND DIGITAL AD EXPERT. Available to help grow your business. www.mgmpagosa.com Text: (928)246-1321.

WINDOW CLEANING —RESIDENTIAL Bonded and insured. 25 yrs. experience **REFLECTIONS** Window Cleaning. (480)892-1999 -FREE estimates.

HEALTH

HOT SPRINGS HEALERS. Sessions at hot springs! Also, cranial sacral, bodywork, massage. Serving Pagosa 27 years, Dr. Dean and Amanda, (970)844-0645, (970)903-5309.

HELP WANTED

2 JOURNEYMEN FRAMING CARPENTERS and 1 Apprentice. Top Pay. Log experience helpful but not necessary. Lost Park Builders Inc. 640 Pompa Dr. (970)731-1102.

3R RANCH HIRING one full or part-time position. Ranch and landscape maintenance. Must have own reliable transportation and valid driver's license. 40 hours a week available. \$20 to start. (970)264-5160.

HELP WANTED

ACCOUNTING ASSISTANT II. RED WILLOW PRODUCTION CO. RESPONSIBLE FOR PROVIDING ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND ACCOUNTING SUPPORT TO THE RED WILLOW PRODUCTION ACCOUNTING DEPARTMENT. AA/ AS IN ACCOUNTING, FINANCE OR BUSINESS WITH 3 EXPERIENCE OR A HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA OR EQUIVALENT WITH 5 YEARS EXPERIENCE. PREFERENCE IS GIVEN TO QUALIFIED SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL MEMBERS AND OTHER NATIVE AMERICANS. **CLOSING DATE: 5:00P.M. ON 9/13/2024. TO APPLY, VISIT: HTTP://WWW.SUGF.COM/CAREERS/**

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT/ FRONT DESK PERSON needed for diverse office. Must be MS Office proficient with strong business writing and communication skills, able to multi-task, organized and detail-oriented. Tech savvy a plus. Please send your resume to frontdesk@pagosalandcompany.com.

ALLEY HOUSE GRILLE. Support staff, food runners, hosts, bussers. Full and part time. \$15/ Hour plus tips. See Chris Tuesday-Friday 3p.m.-5p.m or email to contact@alleyhousegrille.com.

ARCHULETA SENIORS INC. has an immediate opening for an experienced horticulturist to grow food in a grow dome to supplement the ASI nutrition program for older adults in Archuleta County. See complete job description and apply online at Indeed.com. Title of the job in the posting is Archuleta Seniors Grow Dome Horticulturist.

EXPERIENCED LINE COOK for City Hall Cafe and Grill. Apply within. 2151 Eagle Drive.

FIRESIDE CABINS are looking for Full-time or Part-time housekeeper. 3-5 days a week. Starting pay \$18 an hour. Great work environment, will train. Days flexible - Hours vary from 9a.m.-3p.m. but are flexible. English is not a requirement. (OFF ALL MAJOR HOLIDAYS) Fireside Cabins está buscando ama de llaves a tiempo completo o parcial necesaria 5 días a la semana. Comenzando a pagar \$18 por hora. Gran ambiente de trabajo, entrenará. No hay lavandería, los horarios varían de 9a.m. - 3p.m., pero son flexibles. El inglés no es un requisito. (FUERA DE TODOS LOS PRINCIPALES VACACIONES)


Fireside Cabins 1600 E Hwy 160 Pagosa Springs. (East side of Pagosa just past Hwy 84 & 160 junction 1 mile from downtown Pagosa area) must be dependable. For more information call (970)264-9204 or email Johnjessharper@gmail.com. Come in to preview our facility.

FT/PT HOST at City Hall Cafe and Grill. Apply within. 2151 Eagle Drive.

FULL AND PART-TIME FRONT DESK OPPORTUNITIES. If you have a friendly, approachable, team-oriented attitude; strong customer service skills; comfort with computers; and a strong work ethic we'd love to talk. Shifts may include a combination of mornings, days, nights, and weekends. Our front desk is open 8a.m. to 10p.m. daily, including holidays. Download application at www.pshotsprings.com or stop by to pick one up. Resumes / applications can be emailed to: sales@pshotsprings.com, Attention Front Desk Position or dropped off at front desk. Healing Waters Resort & Spa, 140 Hot Springs Blvd.

HELP WANTED

WE ARE NOW HIRING!



You belong on the Archuleta School District team!


Currently accepting applications for the following positions:

Mechanics
Full-time position with a starting salary of \$49,496-\$54,711 for a 250-day work schedule.

Bus Drivers/Transportation
Hourly position with a starting hourly pay of \$25.83 up to \$30.73 for 169 days

Benefits for all FULL-TIME positions include (but are not limited to) PERA State Retirement, Life Insurance, optional Health and Dental Insurance and paid Discretionary Days.

Archuleta School District
strives to achieve
"Success for Every Student — Every Class — Every Day."



For more details and to apply for these positions, click on "Job Postings" at www.mypagosaschools.com
EOE



TERRY'S COLORADO HOME SUPPLY AND ACE HARDWARE IS SEEKING A MOTIVATED, DEPENDABLE, DETAIL ORIENTED INDIVIDUAL FOR SALES IN OUR FURNITURE DEPARTMENT.

Product or home design familiarity is a plus; proficient computer skills, exceptional communication, people and customer service skills are a must have.

customers through a dynamic service repertoire. Starts at \$18/hr with benefits. Full time/40hr week. Applicants will need to be available for weekends and holidays. Apply in person at 525 Navajo Trail Drive.

Job requires working in a team atmosphere, high level of professionalism, and building long term

CONTRACTOR SALES

Ponderosa Lumber is seeking a customer service oriented individual to assist contractors with purchasing building materials. Knowledge of building materials is necessary.

Responsibilities include:

- Providing excellent customer service
- Completing required paperwork
- Providing product information
- Data Entry

Please apply in person at **Ponderosa Lumber** 2435 Eagle Drive or call (970) 731-4111

WANTED

1 full-time office person and 1 full-time Driver

Paid Vacation
Simple IRA Match
PTO and other perks.

Please apply within.





WJP/PRO
3505 W. Hwy. 160
in the lobby of the Pagosa Lodge

(970) 264-2100

Classifieds

(970) 264-2100

Office Hours: Monday — Friday 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Classified Deadline: Tuesday 10 a.m.

HELP WANTED

HELP WANTED

HELP WANTED

HELP WANTED

HELP WANTED



Walmart Pagosa Springs Supercenter

In-person hiring event
Friday, Sept. 13 & Saturday, Sept. 14
Walk ins welcome from 10am-2pm

Year around guaranteed FULL TIME hours
 Starting at \$18.00/hour+

Start the application process at
www.walmart.com/careers

NEWSPAPER REPORTER — We are searching for a talented reporter to fill a full-time position in Pagosa Springs, Colorado, at The Pagosa Springs SUN. Our journalists are driven to find stories that matter to our community and are dedicated to fairness, accuracy, and ethics. The successful candidate for this position is someone who knows how to cover hard news but also loves to write about people and their passions. They know that a good interview is often a good conversation and know when to ask the tough questions, but also when to listen. The ideal candidate has exceptional writing skills and is willing to put in the extra effort and research to deliver an engaging story. Preferred qualifications for this position include: Degree or diploma in journalism, or a related field; At least 1-3 years of experience as a reporter with experience covering hard news and feature stories or experience at a college newspaper; The ability to meet tight deadlines and report the news as it happens; Superior language, writing and editing skills; Strong photography skills; Able to work a variety of schedules, including evenings, nights and weekends; Excellent critical thinking and problem-solving skills; Ability to work in a fast-paced environment; A valid driver's license and a reliable vehicle; Willingness to live in or near Pagosa Springs, Colorado. If this sounds like the perfect position for you, we would love to hear from you! To apply, please send your resume, letter of interest and relevant samples of your work to Chad Richardson, Vice President of News, crichardson@orourkemediagroup.com. Company Benefits: We offer competitive compensation plans and employees are eligible for medical, dental, vision, life insurance benefits, paid time off and our 401 (k) savings plan. This is an excellent opportunity for career development and growth within the company O'Rourke Media Group is a fast-growing company that owns and operates hyper-local, community newspapers, websites, niche publications and a full-service digital agency. We are family-owned and mission-driven to save newspapers and local media companies by investing in the people, resources and technology needed to thrive for many years to come. We believe that every community can benefit from a well-run, properly resourced, local newspaper and website. Our News teams produce hyper-local, high interest local news and accurate and trustworthy reporting. Our Sales and Digital Fulfillment teams bring omnichannel advertising solutions to local businesses in the communities we serve. O'Rourke Media Group now operates in nine states and 38 markets with 51 publications and hyper-local websites. We started from ground zero in December 2018, totally bootstrapped, confident and with an entrepreneurial mindset.

CUSTOMER SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE. Opening a result of an internal promotion! The Pagosa Springs SUN is recruiting for a dynamic, versatile customer service representative. This position is required to work at our office at 457 Lewis Street, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147. Hours 8am to 4pm. Job Responsibilities: • Account Management: Support the Advertising Department with account management activity that's associated with customers running ads in The SUN, PREVIEW, special publications and on our digital platforms. • Administrative: Handle postal paperwork, insertion order processing and payment processing for advertising and subscriptions. • Service: Provide personable, friendly customer service answering phones and interacting in person with customers that visit the office. • Communication: Serve as a point of contact for internal and external communications. Answer phones, respond to emails and direct inquiries to the appropriate team members. • Project assistance: Assist with special projects and initiatives as needed. Requirements: • 3-5 years of experience working in an office. • Excellent attention to detail and accuracy in data entry. • Strong organizational and time management skills to meet payroll deadlines. • Excellent communication skills on the phone and through all communication channels. • High level of proficiency in MS Excel and other Microsoft Office applications. • Compensation Range/ Benefits • \$17-\$20/hour depending on experience level. • Eligible for medical, dental and vision benefits on the 1st of the month after 30 days of employment. • Eligible to enroll in the company's 401 (k) retirement savings on the 1st of the month after 90 days. The company matches 50% of your contribution up to 2.5% of total compensation. • 16 days of PTO plus 4-5 paid holidays. • Opportunity for advancement and career growth within the company. **About the Company:** O'Rourke Media Group is a family-owned, diversified media company that was formed in 2018. Originally just a holding company that owned a few newspapers, O'Rourke Media Group (OMG) has established itself as an industry-leading, digital media company comprising a cutting edge digital agency and an impressive group of award-winning, hyper-local print newspapers and niche magazines. OMG now operates in nine states and 38 markets with 51 publications and hyper-local websites. Send along your email or letter of interest directly to CEO Jim O'Rourke at jorourke@orourkemediagroup.com.

WINTER WORK!

Wolf Creek Ski Area is Hiring
 Full & Part-Time/Holiday Positions:
Winter Seasonal: November - April

- Lift Department
- Base Operations/Parking
- Ski School Instructors & Reservationist
- Food & Beverage * Baker * Barista
- Retail
- Ticket Office
- Ski & Snowboard Rental
- Snow Removal * Grooming
- Custodial Building Maintenance
- Ski Patrol
- Guest Services/Snow Reporter
- Freelance Photographer

Applications at
WolfCreekSki.com/employment
 Send applications and resumes to:
WolfCreekSki@WolfCreekSki.com
 P.O. Box 2800, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147

ALL POSITIONS OFFER SKIING PRIVILEGES
STARTING WAGE OF \$19/HOUR
Merit increases based on performance & experience.



HELP WANTED: PART-TIME ACCOUNTANT
 Community United Methodist Church seeks a part-time accountant (15 hours/ week). Candidates must have experience in Quickbook software and at least 5 years of experience. Responsibilities include managing financial records, preparing reports, and overseeing budgeting. Strong organizational skills are required. Send your resume to the church at pastor@cumcps.org, or mail it to P.O. Box 300, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147 or drop it off at the church 434 Lewis St. to apply.

MALT SHOPPE NOW HIRING. Apply in person between 9a.m. and 2p.m.

Archuleta Housing has an immediate opening for a person with maintenance experience. This is a part-time position. This position involves taking care of small repairs, general maintenance and larger remodel projects. We have 65 apartments and common area grounds at 4 sites. Ability to take direction, work as a team or independently is needed. Must have valid driver's license and submit to a background check.

Starting wage DOE.

Please contact our office for an application
office@archhouse@gmail.com
 970-398-1860

HOMETOWN INSURANCE is looking to fill a full-time receptionist/administrative assistant position. Prior experience is required. Must be detail oriented, able to multi-task and proficient in Google Docs, Sheets, Excel, Word and Adobe. Phone and typing skills are a must. Our ideal candidate will have a friendly and warm personality while being professional, responsible and motivated. A customer-oriented approach is essential. Send resumes with references to info@hippsllc.com.

Terry's Colorado Home Supply and Ace Hardware

Hiring for:

Full time, year around Cashier

Weekend days required.
 Starting at \$17/hr.
 Must be reliable, motivated and team oriented.
 Benefits include discounts, paid time off, profit sharing and more.
 Apply in person.
 Applications available at terrystate.com



• Superintendent
 • Project Manager
 -Good pay, excellent benefits, must have experience for manager roles.

BWD Construction is NOW HIRING!

MESSAGE THERAPIST WANTED. Part-time, evenings, could grow to full-time. Competitive pay. Please apply in person at The Overlook, 432 Pagosa Street. Monday-Friday, 8a.m. to 5p.m.

MOUNTAIN MAMA MESSAGE is looking for LMTs to join our team! Utilize your healing gifts in our fun, relaxed work environment where you are appreciated! TOP PAY \$50/hour +tips. Email racheldevloo@gmail.com.

GOODMAN'S DEPARTMENT STORE is looking for a sales associate, Saturdays required. Sales associates must be friendly and self-motivated. Ask about our benefits and employee discounts. Come pick up an application at 402 Pagosa Street.

HELP WANTED Experienced server /bartender preferred. City Hall Cafe and Grill. Apply within. 2151 Eagle Drive.

GENERAL LABORER NEEDED F/T or P/T Seasonal. Assorted Duties. Please send resume or work history to frontdesk@pagosalandcompany.com. Phone (970)264-5000.

GEOLOGIC TECHNICIAN II and III. Red Willow Production Co. Provides tech/ admin support to the Geologic team, works with geoscientists to provide maps and database maintenance for projects. Works within geographic database programs, such as ArcGIS and other oil/ gas mapping platforms. Works with Engineering, Land, and Ops teams. BA/ BS in Geology, or other relevant field with 1 -5 year experience OR, Technical Degree with 5 -9 years experience OR, HS Diploma or equivalent with 7 -10 years experience. Preference is given to qualified Southern Ute Tribal members and other Native Americans. **Closing date: 5:00p.m. on 9/13/2024. To apply, visit: <http://www.sugf.com/Careers/>**

HIGHER GROUNDS COFFEE SHOP is hiring barista and bakers! Apply online at highergroundspagosa.com/careers. Must be able to work weekends.

(970) 264-2100

Classifieds

(970) 264-2100

Office Hours: Monday — Friday 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Classified Deadline: Tuesday 10 a.m.

HELP WANTED

IMMEDIATE OPENING for CDL Driver / Equipment Operator. Experience is forestry equipment helpful. Must pass drug test. Local driving only. Please send your resume to frontdesk@pagosalandcompany.com.

LAZY ONE PAJAMA SHOP looking for part-time employee. 1-3 days/ week. More info call (713)516-1915 or (713)594-7720.

MOUNTAIN SPIRITS IS SEEKING customer service associates. Must be available nights and weekends. We offer accrued vacation/ personal time, performance-based bonuses twice a year, and employee discounts. Please apply in person.

NORTH PAGOSA MARATHON is hiring a full-time cashier nights and weekends. Competitive wages. Please apply in person at 30 N. Pagosa Blvd.

OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL is hiring a church and school secretary. Please contact Leah Hellrich for position details at (816)585-2892.

OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN SCHOOL is looking to hire a PE Teacher for our school. Hours are M-Th from 12:30 -3:30 p.m. Please contact Leah Hellerich if you are interested in the position at (816)585-2892.

OWNERS, THERE IS A LONG TERM RENTAL SHORTAGE IN PAGOSA SPRINGS. We have a waiting list for approved tenants. Need all types of rentals. Call us today for lowest commission and highest customer service. All you have to do is wait for your rent check to come in. We do the rest! Rocky Mountain Realty & Rentals (970)507-1192.

PAGOSA LIQUOR IS HIRING a full-time cashier. Please come and apply in person at 30 N. Pagosa Blvd.

PAGOSA THERAPEUTICS AND THE GREEN HOUSE are looking for friendly and enthusiastic people who are eager to share their knowledge and help customers navigate the wide world of cannabis. Must be 21 years of age. A Marijuana Enforcement Division badge is required to start work. Come join a growing company with opportunities for advancement and involvement in outreach events. Please email your resume to employment@jandjinc.net.

PHYSICAL THERAPY TECH Rocky Mountain Physical Therapy has an opening for a full time Physical Therapy Tech. We are looking for a dependable, energetic multitasker who will enjoy helping people recover from surgeries, injuries, accidents and other health issues to join our team. No prior experience necessary. We offer competitive pay, \$16- 18 per hour, and benefits including paid holidays, paid sick leave, 401k plan, and a profit-sharing program. Please submit resume to RMPT117NavajoTrailDr.,SuiteToroc-kymountainpt@yahoo.com.

HELP WANTED

PLANT PROCESS OPERATOR, II AND SENIOR. Red Cedar Gathering Company. Operates 1 or more gas plant processes, including assist in shutdown planning or other diversified tasks. Plant facilities could include gas processing plants, plant compressors, electric generation, dehydration equipment, control systems, treating systems as well as other processes. HS diploma/ equivalent AND 8 to 12 years experience in gas/ amine plant processing. Preference is given to qualified Southern Ute Tribal members and other Native Americans. **Closing date: 5:00p.m. on 9/13/2024. To apply, visit: <http://www.sugf.com/Careers/>**

PONDEROSA LUMBER IS SEEKING a person for a yard associate/ driver position. Lumber experience and/or CDL license is a plus, but not necessary. Duties may include delivering loads to job sites, as well as helping customers in the yard, loading/ unloading trucks and providing inventory support. We offer competitive wages based on experience and a benefit package that includes Holiday Pay, Paid Time Off, 401(k) and Medical/ Dental insurance for full-time employees. Please apply in person at 2435 Eagle Drive in Pagosa Springs.

PROJECT SUPERINTENDENT Construction experience, knowledge of building codes, read and understand plans, project management and leadership experience helpful. Benefits. Call (970)585-1021.

ROOF LABORER NEEDED with some construction experience. Will train. \$20-\$25/ hour to start. (970)749-0830.

SUBWAY IS HIRING. Enjoy working in a fun environment with a great team? Earn a strong hourly wage with tips while serving our wonderful community. Apply online at subway.com, or in person.

THE PAGOSA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT is seeking highly motivated candidates for the position of Fire Inspector (\$49,000 - \$53,544 DOQ). This is a full-time position with standard benefits. The ideal candidate will have extensive communication skills, attention to detail, and the ability to maintain a positive working relationship with all members and the public. Full job description can be found on the District website at www.pagosafire.org. To apply, candidates must submit a completed Employment Application. Application packets can be obtained by email at TBliss@PagosaFire.com, or by calling Tomi Bliss (970)731-4191. Applications received after September 20, 2024, 5:00p.m. (MST) will not be considered.

TRIMMER WANTED. We are looking for a trimmer to join our Pagosa Craft team. Pay is based per pound. Flexible hours- Previous trim experience preferred. 21+ only, MED badge required. Please bring a resume into the store at 127 Goldmine Dr.

HELP WANTED

WOLF CREEK SKI AREA is hiring a Full Time Staff Accountant. Those with Bookkeeping, Payroll, Accounts Payable or public accounting experience are encouraged to apply. Familiarity with Microsoft Excel is preferred. Attention to detail, and organizational skills are required. The office is located at the Ski Area located on top of Wolf Creek Pass and requires commuting throughout the year. This is a year-round position, with longer hours during the winter operating months, and a shorter work week in the summer months. This position offers skiing privileges and the compensation starts at \$34 per hour depending on experience. Full slate of insurance benefits and PTO available after a probationary period. Please email resume to: Payroll@WolfCreekSki.com.

WOLF CREEK SKI AREA is hiring an Accounting Assistant. Those with Bookkeeping, Accounting, Clerical or Human Resources experience are encouraged to apply. The office is located at the Ski Area located on top of Wolf Creek Pass and requires commuting throughout the winter months. This position offers skiing privileges and the compensation starts at \$24 per hour depending on experience. Please email resume to: Payroll@WolfCreekSki.com

BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY

DREAMING OF OWNING your own clothing boutique? The Emerald Fox Boutique is For Sale! \$79k. Call Bianca at (505)507-1152. emeraldfoxboutique995@gmail.com.

FOR SALE

2015 COACHMAN CATALINA bumper pull trailer, 8 x33, one slide, very good condition, made by Forest River. \$15,000. (970)382-1510.

BEAUTIFUL NATURAL SANDSTONE ROCK for landscaping. 6" to 6 feet. Small, medium, large. Robert Scott (970)731-4707.

BICYCLES 2016 Surly LHT, size medium with extras, \$900. 2019 Salsa Horsethief, size small, carbon. \$2,600. Both excellent condition. (970)264-0373.

DO YOU BURN FIREWOOD? Pine mix available. \$325 a cord or \$600 for a HUGE dump truck load! Contact Dan with FIRE&ICE at (970)582-0006.

DRY FIREWOOD- PINE. Pick up \$240 a cord. Delivery available. Call for prices. Bayfield. Gabe (970)403-2784.

FIREWOOD FOR SALE. (719)937-8707.

FIREWOOD FOR SALE. Pine and aspen. Cut about 16" long, split. Delivered by longbed truckload. Call (970)946-4450.

FIREWOOD LOGS FOR SALE. \$65.00 per ton, must have trailer. Forest Health Timber Products sawmill located on Cloman Blvd.

FOREST RIVER 2012 FLAGSTAFF MAC Pop-Up camper. 3-burner stove, outside gas grill, sleep 4 -6, indoor plumbing/ potty. Deer camp ready. \$6,000. (970)585-9084.

FOR SALE

NEW 20' CONTAINERS FOR SALE or rent. We deliver to homes or businesses. Pagosa Springs Storage (970)731-0007.

NEW QUEEN SIZE PLATFORM BED with headboard. \$150 OBO. (954)830-1123.

OUTDOOR VEHICLE STORAGE SPACES available. 16', 20', 25', plus indoor 12'x20'. Winter specials starting at \$60. Pagosa Springs Storage. Gated with security cameras. (970)749-1500.

PINE ASPEN MIX. Get it while it's hot. (970)903-0731.

PINE WOOD \$130.00 Standard pickup truck load. Oak by order only \$200.00. Pickup truck load. Cut and delivered. Text Gabriel at (970)946-8598.

SELL OR TRADE YOUR GUNS. We buy for cash or trade it. No hassle. Licensed, bonded, insured. San Juan Trading Post, 635 San Juan St. (970)731-PAWN (7296).

TWO 50-GALLON STEEL DRUMS with lids. Used, great condition, \$35 each. Can be seen on Thursday or Friday at Pagosa Springs SUN, 457 Lewis Street.

LIVESTOCK

GRASS HAY, 750 lb., 5' round bales, loaded on site. \$90.00 each, discount for 10 or more. (970)946-4067.

HAY FOR SALE. Some for cows and goats. Teresa Scott (970)731-4707.

IRRIGATED PASTURE. 4 miles north of Pagosa, Snowball Road. 20 minute ride to forests and streams. (970)946-6274.

NATURAL FIELD HAY FOR SALE \$14/ small bale. Please text/ call (970)903-7499.

PETS

ADOPT FROM THE Humane Society. Stop by or call (970)731-4771. You'll be amazed at what we have to offer, www.PagosaHumane.org.

DOGGY DAY CARE 81147.COM. Open 365 days of the year! Full day and half day doggy day care and overnight boarding. Conveniently located just 1 mile from downtown Pagosa. Call (970)264-9111.

FOR POOCH SAKES GROOMING. Appointments available with Kelly (303)819-2015. Mobile appointments with Barb (970)903-1290.

LOVING DOG CARE BY LESLIE N. Text Pet Info to (469)667-4480. Boarding, day care, drop ins, house sitting. References and reviews available. Look for info on: leslieslittles.com.

AUTOS

2000 JEEP WRANGLER. 2 door with tow bar. 96,550 miles. \$8,300. Call Shellie (970)759-8109.

2001 BUICK LESABRE 122k miles. FWD. Sold as is. Mechanically sound. Body in great condition. \$2,650 OBO. (310)245-0555.

AUTOS

2001 Toyota 4Runner. 305,000 miles, in good shape. \$8,000 OBO. (970)946-8687.

GUARANTEED CREDIT APPROVAL! 4X4 Auto Sales, 21698 Hwy. 160 West, Durango. (970)385-7940.

YARD SALES

BE SURE TO CHECK for more yard sales in the Too Late To Classify section.

GARAGE SALE. Sept. 13 (8:00 -2:00). Half-price Sept. 14 (8:00 -12:00). 2552 Park Avenue. Cabinet, metal garage shelves, kayak, kitchen table, 4 chairs, patio heat towers, etc.

MOVING ESTATE SALE. Barn equipment, horse equipment, furniture, trophy heads, miscellaneous. 14ft- 10,000lb trailer currently with 1,000 gallon water tank and pump. Trophy heads. 2889 Trophy Lake Place, Alpine Lakes Meadows division.

MOVING SALE. Friday and Saturday, Sept. 13 and 14. 8a.m. sharp. Tools, kayak, Toro zero turn lawnmower, Summit gun safe, Polaris RZR with Everlite trailer, small furniture and more. Hwy 160 west. Left on S. Pagosa, left on Capricho, left on Cool Pines, house #1211. Rain or Shine. AEHPOS.

MULTI-FAMILY YARD SALE. Monday 9/16 and Tuesday 9/17. 9a.m. -2p.m. 440 Carlee Place. Pro Form elliptical, framing table with storage, dog crates, outdoor equipment, computer table, kitchenware, golf miscellaneous, mini fireproof safe, Oxypure air purifier, AlkaViva H2Ionizer, e-bike, much more... rain or shine.

NEIGHBORHOOD SALE. Friday 13th and Saturday 14th at 8a.m. 73 Lassen Drive. 2 canoes: 1 single, 1 double, truck tent, cat condo, cat items, generator, housewares, jewelry, camp items.

STORAGE UNIT SALE at All Purpose Storage #21. 193 Rob Snow Road, Pagosa Springs. September 13, 14, 15. 8a.m. to 5p.m. Numerous Items. (661)433-8151.

COMMERCIAL FOR RENT

1800 S/F SILVERADO CITY SHOPPING CENTER between Upscale Resale and Gustavo's restaurant. \$1800 monthly. (970)946-3902.

2000 SF (WITH ADDITIONAL LOFT STORAGE) flexible commercial/ industrial space on the western side of Pagosa Springs. 15' Ceilings with 2 14' overhead garage doors. 3 Phase Electric. Will be delivered as a shell space ready to be customized. Available August 1st. \$2,100. (415)999-7931, raswheel-er@gmail.com.

2000 SQ. FT. SHOP/ WAREHOUSE 14x 14 overhead door. Restrooms and natural gas. Good parking. \$1700 per month. Call Doug (970)946-3762 or (970)731-4792.

4 OFFICE SPACES. Freshly remodeled, \$400-\$525. Well suited for spa services, 140-270 sq. ft. Beautiful spacious restrooms. (970)946-3232.

(970) 264-2100

Classifieds

(970) 264-2100

Office Hours: Monday — Friday 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Classified Deadline: Tuesday 10 a.m.

HOMES FOR SALE

HOMES FOR SALE

HOMES FOR SALE

HOMES FOR SALE

HOMES FOR SALE

"We owned a condominium in the Pagosa Springs area which was a rental property. For many years the firm provided property management services for us and we always found them to be very professional and responsive. If you are in need of a competent, professional property management firm or realtor, we would strongly recommend them."
 ~ Michael Gamba



www.RMREALTYANDRENTALS.COM

Rocky Mountain
 REALTY & RENTALS
 970.731.5515

Info@rmrealtyandrentals.com
 117 Navajo Trail Dr. Ste E, Pagosa Springs

Largest Local Property Management Co.



150+ SW Colorado
 Property Owners Served
 19+ Years. Mortgage &
 Real Estate Exp
 FULL LT TENANT SCREENING
 NATIONWIDE ADVERTISING
 ON CALL 24 HR 7 DAYS



COMMERCIAL FOR RENT

DOWNTOWN OFFICE for rent on 2nd floor with private bathroom. \$400/ month including utilities and WiFi. No smokers. No pets. (970)946-2728.

FOR LEASE 5600 sq. ft. shop/ warehouse. Finished interior in Cloman Industrial Park. Eight 14ft overhead doors, spray booth, 3 phase electricity, natural gas heat. \$5,500/ month. "Lease option to buy possible." 2 acres. (970)946-3762 or (970)731-2847.

NEW CONSTRUCTION WAREHOUSES / WORKSHOPS available to rent. Cloman Park 1100 to 2200 sq. ft. 1.20 a sq. ft. Contact: (720)470-2653. rowfmanagement.com.

VACATION RENTALS

OWNERS, WE ARE BOOKED UP AND NEED MORE VACATION RENTAL PROPERTIES! Call us today for lowest commission and highest customer service. All you have to do is wait for your rent check to come in. We do the rest! Rocky Mountain Realty & Rentals (970)507-1192.

RESIDENTIAL RENTALS

1 BEDROOM, 1 BATH apartment, centrally located. Ground floor entry. Water, sewer, gas, fiber optic Internet included. Available November 1st. (970)946-8687.

2 ROOM STAND ALONE APARTMENT. 900 sq. ft. on 8 acres on hilltop. 1 mile south of Hospital. Great views, end of cul de sac. Quiet, no traffic, ample parking, washer /dryer, refrigerator/ freezer, 96% propane boiler heat and hot water. No smoking. \$1300 +utilities, Lease. Optional 6 fenced acres, 1 or 2 horses. Optional 700 sq. ft. barn. Burt (619)992-9100.

RESIDENTIAL RENTALS

LONG TERM RENTALS AVAILABLE! Contact Team Pagosa by calling (970)731-8599 or visit teampagosa.com to see listing pictures. TP-26: Unfurnished 3 bed 2 bath 2 car. Wood burning stove. Lake Hatcher area. Pet OK. \$2250/ month. TP-30: Sweet furnished loft bedroom 2 bath condo. Washer/ dryer and updated kitchen. Great views. Call for more info. Available 9/01/24. \$1750/ month. No pets. TP-31: Single story 3 bedroom 2 bath 2 car garage home. \$2650/ month. No pets. Available around 9/09. Call for more info. TP-32: Unfurnished 3 bed 2 bath home on 3.5 acreage. Some remodeling done. Covered carport. No pets. Available around 9/10/24. \$1975/ month. TP-33: Beautiful unfurnished and updated 1 bedroom 1 bath condo. Ground floor entry. Available around 09/20/24. \$1650/ month. TP-34: Beautiful furnished. 3 bed, 2.5 bath, 2 car garage home in Twin Creek. Small dog allowed. Available through the winter starting 10/15/24 -5/31/25. All utilities included. \$3800/ month. TP-35: Beautiful unfurnished 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath, 2 car garage townhome. Some utilities included. 1 small to medium dog allowed. Available 10/01/24 \$2150/ month.

3 BEDROOM 1200 sq. ft. 5 minute walk to Pagosa Lake. Washer/ dryer, dishwasher, etc. Some utilities paid. No pets. \$1,450. Call John for details and photos (720)960-4910 or (303)881-1407.

BEAUTIFULLY FURNISHED 2 bedroom home. Internet, full bath, washer/dryer, fenced yard, pets OK. Sept- June lease. \$1650/ month. Text only (970)308-1986.

HICKORY RIDGE APARTMENTS. Under New Management and Ownership! 1-, 2-, and 3-bedroom units available; ranging from \$619 -\$1,348 a month. Affordable, restrictions apply. Stop by and apply at 650 Florida Street or call (720)869-8877 to set up an appointment.

HOME FOR RENT. \$1,850. Pines Drive. Two bedroom plus office. Available Oct 1st. 9 months lease only. (970)507-0703.

HOUSE FOR RENT in Pagosa Lakes. 1,000 SF, 3 bedrooms, 1.5 baths, garage. No pets, unfurnished. \$1,900/ month +deposit and utilities. Call (970)398-1515.

RESIDENTIAL RENTALS

LONG TERM RENTALS AVAILABLE. Call Team Pagosa (970)731-8599, 46 Eaton Drive, Suite #1, pagosaspringsrealty.com.

LUXURY HOME DOWNTOWN, 10 Pierce St. 4 beds, 2.5 baths, fresh renovation, new appliances. \$4,500/ month, first/ last/ deposit required. Owner finance possible. (970)946-2933.

SPACIOUS 3/ 2/ 2 DUPLEX on quiet cul de sac near lake. \$1900/ month with lease. Pet considered. Text CJ (970)403-2027.

COMMERCIAL

BAR AND GRILL IN ARBOLES on 1 Acre for \$380,000. Give Deb Archuleta at Archuleta Properties a call (970)903-2817.

DOWNTOWN, MULTI-FAMILY .52 acre -3 lots, views, close to river, all utilities available. \$500,000. Give Deb Archuleta at Archuleta Properties a call (970)903-2817.

GAS STATION, CONVENIENCE STORE comes with nine long-term leases, high producing. \$1,650,000. Give Deb Archuleta at Archuleta Properties a call (970)903-2817.

LARGE BUILDING AND LAND in prime business location. \$1,250,000. Give Deb Archuleta at Archuleta Properties a call (970)903-2817.

HOMES FOR SALE

CENTRALLY LOCATED 2 BR TOWNHOME with 2 car garage, mountain views, low monthly dues. \$379,000. Peggy Andrews, Independent Broker. (970)946-0473.

GORGEOUS TIMBER HOME, amazing views, spacious layout, wrap around decks. 5 bed, 6 bath, 6630 square feet, 5 acres. \$1,995,000. 207 LaTierra. Call Lauren -Sherpa RE. (970)409-7837.

HOMES FOR SALE

REAL ESTATE SERVICES

Whether Buying or Selling



Call Marcie Lewis
 (970) 759-8672



MarcieLewis.com

Planning to buy or sell a property? Call me today!



Christie Calderwood
 970-946-6856
 christie@jimsmithrealty.com



IMMACULATE 3/2/2 HOME with beautiful hardwood floors. Steps from National Forest, big mountain views. \$539,000. Peggy Andrews, Independent Broker. (970)946-0473.

MOTIVATED SELLER. Artesian well, hobby farm. Two bedroom, two bath. 1.7 acres. No HOA. \$595,000. Give Deb Archuleta at Archuleta Properties a call (970)903-2817.

LAND/ BUILDING SITES

1.1 ACRE WITH RV GENERATOR and system tank, circular drive in, tall cool pines. NO HOA! \$75k. Give Deb Archuleta at Archuleta Properties a call (970)903-2817.

1.1 ACRE WITH TALL PINES on flat buildable land with drive in. NO HOA! \$70k. Give Deb Archuleta at Archuleta Properties a call (970)903-2817.

LAND/ BUILDING SITES

1.19 ACRES WITH VIEWS OF NAVAJO LAKE. All utilities nearby. \$99,000. Give Deb Archuleta at Archuleta Properties a call (970)903-2817.

1.2 ACRES, MOUNTAIN VIEWS, electricity near, No HOA, close to town. \$35,000. Give Deb Archuleta at Archuleta Properties a call (970)903-2817.

1.48 ACRE LAND. Highway frontage. \$99,000. Give Deb Archuleta at Archuleta Properties a call (970)903-2817.

.28 ACRE LAND County Road 982 frontage \$55,000. Give Deb Archuleta at Archuleta Properties a call (970)903-2817.

.35 ACRE LAND County Road 982 frontage \$55,000. Give Deb Archuleta at Archuleta Properties a call (970)903-2817.

FANTASTIC VIEWS with electricity, concrete floor garage on 1 acre for \$195,000. Give Deb Archuleta at Archuleta Properties a call (970)903-2817.

MOUNTAIN VIEWS, MEADOWS. Unique high elevation and complete privacy. 5.6 acres bordering national forest, (970)769-3588 blancoretreat@gmail.com.

TWO ADJACENT 5 ACRES LOTS. Available Separately. Meadows 4. Details at www.BLANCA257.com. Scott (970)731-4421 or fscott409@outlook.com.



All real estate advertised in this newspaper is subject to the Federal Fair Housing act of 1968 which makes it illegal to advertise "any preference, limitation or discrimination based on race, color, religion, or national origin, or an intention, to make such preference, limitation or discrimination." This newspaper will not knowingly accept any advertising for real estate which is in violation of the law. Our readers are hereby informed that all dwellings advertised in this newspaper are available on an equal opportunity basis.

'Lifelong library fan' Anne Hillerman to anchor events this weekend

By Leslie Cole

Ruby M. Sisson Memorial Library Friends and Foundation

Her famous father may have planted the seeds for her writing career. But it was the library, said Anne Hillerman, that helped it grow.

"I doubt that I would have become a writer without libraries," said Hillerman, 74, a journalist who continued her father's series of Joe Leaphorn-Jim Chee mystery novels set in the Southwest following his death.

She will be in Pagosa Springs Friday and Saturday for events benefiting Ruby Sisson Library's Mountains of Opportunity Building Campaign.

"The availability of so many wonderful books and the kind support in Santa Fe and Albuquerque, where I grew up, made me a lifelong library fan and supporter," she said.

Encouraged by her father, Hillerman began writing nonfiction from her home in Santa Fe, N.M.

Some years after Tony Hillerman died in 2008, she continued his popular Navajo police detective series with nine books of her own, bringing officer Bernadette "Bernie" Manuelito, a female officer, into the mix. And the library was always there.

Hillerman will be the special guest at a fireside chat on Saturday evening, a fundraiser for the upgrade and expansion of Ruby M. Sisson Memorial Library.

Libraries are changing and dynamic places that provide a range of services beyond the crucial role of free access to information.

The popular Pagosa Springs library branch, built in 1989, sees an average of 6,500 visitors a month, said Cindi Galabota, executive director of the Ruby Sisson Library Foundation.

"We have programs for ages zero to 99 and address so many needs in our community," she said.

An upgrade and expansion will add 4,000 square feet, providing more space for public meetings, a bright and cheery youth area focused on early literacy, space for teens and remote work, and modern technology resources.



Photo courtesy Anne Hillerman

Novelist Anne Hillerman, who splits her time between Santa Fe, N.M., and Tucson, Ariz., with frequent visits to the Navajo Nation, will visit Pagosa Springs Sept. 13-14 for a weekend of events benefiting the Mountains of Opportunity building campaign to upgrade and expand the library.

Most importantly, it will be a calm, comfortable place where anyone is welcome — a feeling Hillerman knows well.

"Libraries were, and still are, my refuge when I need a place of quiet, and my go-to when I'm looking for something new to recharge my batteries," she said.

Please join Hillerman at the following events to support the Ruby Sisson Library Mountains of Opportunity building campaign:

- Sept. 13: Friends of the Library Movie Night, 7 p.m.

Pick up a signed copy of "Lost Birds" and join the author to watch and discuss the first episode of "Dark Winds," the AMC series based on several Tony Hillerman books. Anne Hillerman is an executive producer for the show. Tickets are \$30 advance or \$35 at the door and include wine/beer and light snacks. Join the Friends of the Library at Pagosalibrary.org.

- Sept. 14: Writers workshop at Ruby M. Sisson Memorial Library, 9 to 11 a.m.

Explore the writing craft with Anne Hillerman and husband Dave Tedlock, who has taught writing at Roger Williams University, Iowa State University and the Harvard Business School. The workshop is limited to 20 participants. Tickets are \$25; a combo ticket, \$65, includes admission to the Fireside Chat.

- Sept. 14: Ruby's Meet and Greet with Anne Hillerman, 12:30 to 1:15

p.m., at the library.

Meet the best-selling mystery author and purchase a signed book. Anne Hillerman's thought-provoking mysteries bring to life the terrain, people and lore of the American Southwest and Four Corners region. This event is free.

- Sept. 14: Fireside Chat, Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave., 6 p.m.

Anne Hillerman will sit down with Rick Holter, a former NPR journalist who now lives in Pagosa Springs, for a live interview and conversation. Admission includes craft hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar. Tickets \$50 advance or \$55 at the door.

All events benefit the Mountains of Opportunity campaign to upgrade and expand Ruby M. Sisson Memorial Library.

Purchase tickets at Pagosalibrary.org or at the Ruby M. Sisson Memorial Library (cash or check only).

Call me to view YOUR NEXT HOME!



Attention to details in this 1726 sq. ft., 3 bed, 3 bath home. Two-car garage, main level primary bedroom.

163 Morro Circle
\$689,900
MLS 817212



Short drive to National Forest from this 3 bed, 2 bath, home with attached garage on .21 acre lot. Oversized bedrooms, fenced backyard.

83 Grenadier Place
\$575,000
MLS 814188



Mountain views, covered porch, 2 bed, 2 bath, 1357 sq. ft. home with attached garage and stand alone 12'x14' shed.

30 Birch Bay Court
\$569,000
MLS 816983



Privacy and backs to National Forest. 4 bed, 2 bath, 1620 sq. ft. home on 1.3 acres. New appliances, flooring, paint

603 Evergreen Drive
\$359,900
MLS 815610

Anita Bowles

C: (512) 214-7923

O: (970) 264-3200

Anita@jimsmithrealty.com



JIM SMITH REALTY



Archuleta Democrats

Annual Chili Supper



Fri Sept 13 5:30-8:30pm
CSU Ext Building
344 Highway 84

Register at the door
or on-line:

Suggested donation: \$15

Beer & Wine: \$5



Speakers:

- ★ Vivian Smotherman, Senate District 6
- ★ Katie Stewart, House District 59

Archuleta Democrats proudly represent the majority of voters in the United States and Colorado. In the not-so-distant past, Americans spoke with a common voice against violence, prejudice, exploitation, and injustice. We invite all to join us as we advocate for freedom: human rights, cooperation, tolerance, diplomacy, equality, and peace.

All donations benefit the local party. If you want to donate food, volunteer, or have questions, contact
Sue Yalom 970-731-1091

Paid for by the Archuleta County Democratic Party, David Butcher, Registered Agent, archuletacountydems.org. Not authorized by any candidate or candidate committee.

ROAD MAINTENANCE

Driveways • Ponds • Underground Utilities • Clean Up
Dozer Work • Land Leveling • Foundations

NEXT GEN EXCAVATION

20+ years local experience Michael Preuit | Cell:(970) 946-7303 Bonded & Insured